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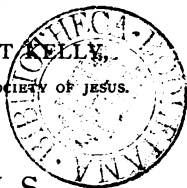
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AND THE CHILDREN OF MARY;
CONTAINING ALSO PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONS
USEFUL FOR THE FAITHFUL GENERALLY.

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Movable Feasts.

Year of our Lord	Ash-Wednesday	Easter-Sunday	Ascension Thursday	Whit-Sunday	1st Sunday in Advent
1874	18 Feb.	5 Apr.	14 May	24 May	29 Nov.
1875	10 Feb.	28 Mar.	6 May	16 May	28 Nov.
1876	1 Mar.	16 Apr.	25 May	4 June	3 Dec.
1877	14 Feb.	1 Apr.	10 May	20 May	2 Dec.
1878	6 Mar.	21 Apr.	30 May	9 June	1 Dec.
1879	26 Feb.	13 Apr.	22 May	1 June	30 Nov.
1880	11 Feb.	28 Mar.	6 May	16 May	28 Nov.
1881	2 Mar.	17 Apr.	26 May	5 June	27 Nov.
1882	22 Feb.	9 Apr.	18 May	28 May	3 Dec.
1883	7 Feb.	25 Mar.	3 May	1 May	2 Dec.
1884	26 Feb.	13 Apr.	22 May	1 June	30 Nov.
1885	10 Feb.	27 Mar.	5 May	15 May	27 Nov.
1886	10 Mar.	25 Apr.	3 June	13 June	28 Nov.
1887	23 Feb.	10 Apr.	19 May	29 May	27 Nov.
1888	15 Feb.	1 Apr.	10 May	20 May	2 Dec.
1889	6 Mar.	21 Apr.	30 May	9 June	1 Dec.
1890	19 Feb.	6 Apr.	15 May	25 May	30 Nov.
1891	11 Feb.	29 Mar.	7 May	17 May	29 Nov.
1892	2 Mar.	17 Apr.	26 May	5 June	28 Nov.
1893	24 Feb.	11 Apr.	20 May	30 May	3 Dec.
1894	7 Feb.	25 Mar.	3 May	13 May	2 Dec.
1895	27 Feb.	14 Apr.	23 May	2 June	1 Dec.
1896	19 Feb.	5 Apr.	14 May	24 May	29 Nov.
1897	3 Mar.	18 Apr.	27 May	6 June	28 Nov.
1898	23 Feb.	10 Apr.	19 May	29 May	27 Nov.
1899	15 Feb.	2 Apr.	11 May	21 May	3 Dec.
1900	28 Feb.	15 Apr.	24 May	3 June	2 Dec.
1901	20 Feb.	7 Apr.	16 May	26 May	3 Dec.
1902	12 Feb.	30 Mar.	8 May	18 May	30 Nov.
1903	25 Feb.	12 Apr.	21 May	31 May	29 Nov.

A TABLE

Of all the Feasts observed in England and Ireland,
with an obligation of hearing Mass and resting
from servile works.

All Sundays in the year.

January 1st, the Circumcision of our Lord, or New
Year's Day.

January 6th, the Epiphany, or Twelfth Day.

March 17th, Saint Patrick's Day (*not obligatory in
England*).

March 25th, the Annunciation of the B. V. Mary (*not
obligatory in England*).

June 29th, St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles.

August 15th, the Assumption of the B. V. Mary.

November 1st, All Saints.

December 25th, Christmas Day.

Ascension Day.

Corpus Christi Day (being the 1st Thursday after
Trinity Sunday).

FAST DAYS ON ONE MEAL.

Every day in Lent, except Sundays.

The Eve of Whitsuntide.

The Quarter Tenses, or Ember Days, being the
Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays next after
the first Sunday of Lent ; after Whit-Sunday ;
after September 14th, and after December 13th.

The Eves of SS. Peter and Paul ; of the Assumption
of the B. V. Mary ; of All Saints, and of Christ-
mas Day.

The Fridays and Saturdays in Advent.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE FROM FLESH MEAT.

Every day, even the Sundays, in Lent, except when
the use of meat is allowed by the Archbishop or
Bishop of the Diocese.

All Fridays throughout the Year.

DAYS OF DEVOTION.

- February 2nd, the Purification, or Candlemas Day.
,, 24th, St. Matthias, Apostle.
March 19th, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin.
,, 25th, the Annunciation of the B. V., or Lady
Day, observed in Ireland as a holiday.
April 23rd, St. George the Martyr.
May 1st, St. Philip and St. James, Apostles.
,, 3rd, the Finding of the Cross.
June 24, the Nativity of St. John Baptist.
July 25th, St. James, Apostle.
,, 26th, St. Anne, mother of the Blessed Virgin.
August 10th, St. Laurence, Martyr.
,, 24th, St. Bartholomew, Apostle.
September 8th, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin.
,, 21st, St. Matthew, Apostle.
,, 29th, Michaelmas Day.
October 28th, St. Simon and St. Jude.
November 30th, St. Andrew, Apostle.
December 8th, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin.
December 21st, St. Thomas, Apostle.
,, 26th, St. Stephen the Martyr.
,, 27th, St. John, Apostle.
,, 28th, Holy Innocents.
,, 29th, St. Thomas of Canterbury.
Easter Monday and Tuesday.
Monday and Tuesday in Whitsun Week.



Morning Devotion.

On awaking, raise your mind to God, and bless him for all his gifts to you. For this purpose make the sign of the cross, and say :

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. 50 d. ap.

These figures, &c., denote Indulgences; thus, 50 d. ap., means 50 days' Indulgence, applicable to the souls in Purgatory. We intend marking each indulgenced prayer in this way; pl. means plenary.

Blessed be God. Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Amen.

During the time of dressing, say some ejaculatory prayers, especially those Indulgenced : we give a selection.

INDULGENCED EJACULATORY PRAYERS.

All applicable to the souls in Purgatory.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, the earth is full of thy glory. Glory be to the Father, Glory be to the Son, Glory be to the Holy Ghost. 100 d. pl. once a month.

May the most just, most high, most adorable will of God be in all things done, and praised, and for ever magnified. 100 d.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I give you my heart, my mind, and my life. 100 d. each time.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me in my last agony. 100 d. each time.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, grant that I may peacefully expire in your holy company. 100 d. each time.

CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

My Queen and my Mother ! to thee I offer myself without any reserve ; and to give thee a mark of my devotion, I consecrate to thee during this day my eyes,

my ears, my mouth, my heart, and my whole person. Since I belong to thee, O my good Mother! preserve and defend me as thy property and possession. 100 d., reptd. mornng. and evg. Pl. once a month.

O angel of God, whom God hath appointed to be my guardian, enlighten and protect, direct and govern me. 100 d. each time. Pl. once a month.

Jesus, Mary. 25 d. each time.

My Jesus, mercy. 100 d. each time.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved. 100 d. each time.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. 100 d. each time.

Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto thy Heart. 300 d. each time.

My sweetest Jesus, be not thou my Judge but my Saviour. 50 d.

Blessed be the Holy and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 300 d. each time.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us. 100 d. each time.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, pray for us. 100 d. each time.

Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation. 300. d. each time. Pl. once a month.

Morning Prayer.

The duty of Morning Prayers is of an importance, in a spiritual life, which can scarcely be exaggerated. Like a good morning meal, it will carry the soul easily through the duties of the day.

Make the sign of the Cross, + saying :—In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Amen.

(Place yourself in the presence of God.)

O my God, I firmly believe that thou art here present, and perfectly seest me, and observest all my actions, all my thoughts, and the most secret motions of my heart. I acknowledge that I am not worthy to come into thy presence, nor to lift up my eyes unto thee, because I have so often sinned against thee, but thy goodness and mercy invite me to come unto thee. Assist me, therefore, with thy holy spirit, and teach me to pray to thee as I ought.

Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of thy love. Send forth thy spirit, and they shall be created, and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

O God, who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of thy Holy Spirit, grant us, in the same Spirit, to relish what is right, and ever to rejoice in his consolations: through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Make an Act of Adoration.

O eternal God ! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost ; the beginning and end of all things ; in whom we live, and move, and have our being : prostrate before thee in body and soul, I adore thee with the most profound humility.

Thank God for all his benefits.

I praise and bless thee, and give thee thanks for all the benefits which thou hast conferred upon me ; that thou hast created me out of nothing, made me after thine own image and likeness, redeemed me with the precious Blood of thy Son, and sanctified me with thy Holy Spirit. I thank thee that thou hast called me into thy Church, assisted me by thy grace, so often admitted me to thy sacraments, borne with my ingratitude so long, watched over me by thy special providence ; blessed me, notwithstanding my sins and utter unworthiness, with the continuance of thy gracious

protection; and for all the innumerable blessings which I owe to thy undeserved bounty. Particularly this morning, I thank thee for having preserved me during the night past, and for bringing me in safety to the beginning of another day. O my God, how good art thou unto me ! What return can I make unto thee for all that thou hast done unto me? I will bless thy holy name, and serve thee truly all the days of my life. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and let all that is within me praise his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all that he hath done for thee.

Here call to mind the chief sins of your past life, especially of yesterday, and make resolutions against the temptations and dangerous occasions you may probably meet with this day.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION, WITH GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

O my God, how little have I served thee in time past ! how greatly have I sinned against thee ! I acknowledge my iniquity, and my sin is always before me. But I repent, O Lord, I repent. I am heartily sorry that I have lost that time in offending thee which thou gavest me to be employed in thy service, in advancing the good of my own soul, and obtaining everlasting life. I detest all the sins which I have committed against thy divine Majesty, and I resolve never to commit them any more. I am sorry, above all things, that I have offended thee, because thou art infinitely good, and sin is infinitely displeasing to thee. I love thee with my whole heart—at least I desire so to do ; and I firmly purpose, by the help of thy grace, to serve thee more faithfully for the time to come.

Receive, I beseech thee, the offering I now make to thee of the remainder of my life. I renew the vows and promises made in my baptism. I renounce the devil and all his works : the world and all its pomps. I now begin, and will endeavour to spend this day

according to thy holy will, performing all my actions so that they may be pleasing unto thee. I will take particular care to avoid the failings I am so apt to commit, and to exercise the virtues most agreeable to my state and employment.

THE "SUSCIPE" OF ST. IGNATIUS.

Receive, O Lord, my entire liberty ; accept my memory, my understanding, and my entire will. Whatever I have or possess are thy gifts ; thou hast given all to me ; to thee I restore all again. All are thine ; dispose freely according to thy holy will of me and of all I possess. Give me thy love and thy grace, for with these indeed I am rich enough.

A PETITION.

Thou knowest, O God, how weak and unable I am to do good. Leave me not to myself, but take me under thy protection, and give me grace faithfully to comply with these holy resolutions. Enlighten my understanding with a lively faith, raise up my will to a firm hope, and inflame it with an ardent charity. Strengthen my weakness, and cure the corruption of my heart ; grant that, overcoming my enemies, both visible and invisible, I make good use of thy grace ; and vouchsafe to add to these blessing the inestimable gift of final perseverance.

Here try and foresee your failings and dangers during the day, and say a Pater and Ave and the Creed.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name ; thy kingdom come ; thy will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread ; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive

them who trespass us ; and lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

THE ANGELICAL SALUTATION.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee ; blessed art thou among women ; and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us, sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth ; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost ; born of the Virgin Mary ; suffered under Pontius Pilate ; was crucified, dead, and buried ; he descended into Hell ; the third day he rose again from the dead ; he ascended into Heaven ; and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty ; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost ; the holy Catholic Church ; the communion of saints ; the forgiveness of sins ; the resurrection of the body ; and life everlasting. Amen.

THE CONFITEOR, OR GENERAL CONFESSION.

I confess to Almighty God, to the blessed Mary, ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the Saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, *through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.* Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary, ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the Holy apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May the Almighty God have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

A PRAYER TO YOUR ANGEL GUARDIAN.

O Angel of God, to whose care I am committed by the supreme clemency, illuminate, defend, and govern me this day in all my thoughts, words, and actions. Amen. 100 d. ap.

Then add ;

Bless us, O Lord, and preserve us from all evil, and bring us to eternal life, and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

When at morning, noon, or evening, the Angelus bell is rung, say :

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, and she conceived of the Holy Ghost. Hail, Mary, &c. Behold the handmaid of the Lord ; be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail, Mary, &c. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt amongst us. Hail, Mary, &c.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises Christ.

THE PRAYER.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his passion and cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Make the following short Acts of Faith, Hope, and Charity.
7 yrs. 7 qrs. app.

O my God, I believe in thee, because thou art truth itself, and I believe thy holy Church, and all it

teaches, because it is thou who speakest to me through her.

O my God, I hope in thy infinite mercy for pardon of all my sins, for all the help and grace I require to serve thee, and for life everlasting.

O God, I love thee, or, at least, desire to love thee with my whole heart, and I love my neighbour as myself for love of thee.

Or the following longer Acts :

PRAYER BEFORE THE ACTS.

O Almighty and eternal God, grant unto us an increase of Faith, Hope, and Charity ; and that we may obtain what thou hast promised, make us love and practise what thou commandest : through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION.

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee ; and I detest my sins most sincerely, because they are displeasing to thee, my God, whom I should have never ceased to adore and love. I now firmly purpose, by the assistance of thy holy grace, never more to offend thee, and to avoid for the future, to the utmost of my power, all dangerous occasions which might expose me to sin.

AN ACT OF FAITH.

O my God, I firmly believe that thou art one only God, the Creator and Sovereign Lord of Heaven and Earth, infinitely great, infinitely good, and infinitely perfect. I firmly believe that in thee, one only God, there are three Divine Persons, really distinct and in all things equal, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. I firmly believe that God the Son, the Second Person of the most Holy Trinity, became

man ; that he was conceived by the Holy Ghost, and was born of the Virgin Mary ; that he suffered and died on a cross to redeem and save us ; that he arose on the third day from the dead ; that he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father, *always living to make intercession for us* ; that he will come at the end of the world to judge mankind, and render to everyone according to his works ; that he will reward the good with eternal happiness, and condemn the wicked to the everlasting pains of Hell. I believe these, and all other articles which the Holy Roman Catholic Church proposes to our belief, because thou, my God, the Infallible Truth, hast revealed them ; and thou hast commanded us *to hear the Church*, which is *the pillar and the ground of truth*. In this faith I am firmly resolved, through thy holy grace, to live and die.

AN ACT OF HOPE.

O my God, who hast graciously promised every blessing, even Heaven itself, through Jesus Christ, to those who keep thy commandments, relying on thy power, which is infinite, thy mercies, which are over all thy works, and thy promises, to which thou art always faithful, I confidently hope to obtain the pardon of my past sins, which I now detest ; grace to serve thee faithfully in this life, by doing the good works thou hast commanded ; and eternal happiness in the next : through my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

AN ACT OF CHARITY.

O my God, my Creator, my Redeemer, my Sovereign Good, whose boundless charity to me has been unceasing, and whose infinite perfections adoring angels behold with unspeakable delight, I love thee with my whole heart and soul, and above all things ; and for thy sake I love my neighbour as myself. Oh,

teach me, my gracious God, to love thee daily more and more, and mercifully grant, that having loved thee on earth, I may love and enjoy thee for ever in Heaven.

If your devotion suggests it add the

Titany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

In some places 300 d. ap. each time.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Jesus, Son of the living God,

Jesus, splendour of the Father,

Jesus, brightness of eternal light,

Jesus, King of glory,

Jesus, sun of justice,

Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,

Jesus, most amiable,

Jesus, most admirable,

Jesus, mighty God,

Jesus, father of the world to come,

Jesus, angel of the great council,

Jesus, most powerful,

Jesus, most patient,

Jesus, most obedient,

Jesus, meek and humble of heart,

Jesus, lover of chastity,

Jesus, lover of us,

Jesus, God of peace,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, author of life,
 Jesus, example of all virtues,
 Jesus, zealous lover of souls,
 Jesus, our God,
 Jesus, our refuge,
 Jesus, Father of the poor,
 Jesus, treasure of the faithful,
 Jesus, good shepherd,
 Jesus, true light,
 Jesus, eternal wisdom,
 Jesus, infinite goodness,
 Jesus, our way and life,
 Jesus, joy of angels,
 Jesus, King of patriarchs,
 Jesus, the inspirer of prophets,
 Jesus, master of the apostles,
 Jesus, teacher of the evangelists,
 Jesus, strength of martyrs,
 Jesus, light of confessors,
 Jesus, purity of virgins,
 Jesus, crown of all saints,

Have mercy on us.

Be merciful unto us. *Spare us, O Lord Jesus.*

Be merciful unto us. *Hear us, O Lord Jesus.*

From all evil, *Lord Jesus, deliver us.*

From all sin,

From thy wrath,

From the snares of the devil,

From the spirit of uncleanness,

From everlasting death,

From the neglect of the holy inspirations,

Through the mystery of thy most holy incarnation,

Through thy nativity,

Through thy infancy,

Through thy most divine life,

Through thy labours,

Through thy agony and passion,

Through thy cross and dereliction,

Lord Jesus, deliver us.

Through thy pains and torments,
 Through thy death and burial,
 Through thy glorious resurrection,
 Through thy admirable ascension,
 Through thy joys and glory,
 In the day of judgment,

} Lord, &c.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world : *Spare us, O Lord Jesus.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world : *Hear us, O Lord Jesus.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world : *Have mercy on us, O Lord Jesus.*

Christ Jesus, hear us. Christ Jesus, graciously hear us.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast said, "*Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you;*" grant, we beseech thee, to our most humble supplications, the gift of thy divine love, that we may ever love thee with our whole hearts, and never cease from praising and glorifying thy holy name. Amen.

Q Divine Redeemer, give us a perpetual fear and love of thy Holy Name, for thou never ceasest to direct and govern by thy grace those whom thou instructest in the solidity of thy love, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

O God, who hast appointed thy only begotten Son the Saviour of mankind, and hast commanded that he should be called Jesus, mercifully grant that we may enjoy his happy vision in heaven, whose holy name we venerate upon earth; who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

SALVE REGINA.

Hail ! holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life,* our sweetness, and our hope ; to thee do we cry, poor banished sons of Eve ; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O most clement, most pious, and most sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

THE BLESSING.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ ; the virtue of his sacred passion ; the sign of the holy cross ; the purity and humility of the Blessed Virgin Mary ; the protection of the angels ; and the intercession of all the saints and the elect of God, be with me, and defend me, now, and at the hour of my death, sweet Jesus. Amen.

Evening Prayer.

In the name of the + Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Amen.

Place yourself in the presence of God.

O almighty and eternal God, whose majesty filleth heaven and earth, I firmly believe that thou art here present ; that thy adorable eye is on me ; that thou seest and knowest all things ; and art most intimately present in the very centre of my soul.

*Strictly speaking, Christ alone is our hope or life. It is here used in a relative sense towards the Blessed Virgin Mary, as our chief intercessor with him.

I desire to bow down all the powers of my soul to adore thee ; I desire to join my voice with all thy blessed angels and saints, to praise thee and glorify thee now and for ever.

Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of thy love.

Send forth thy Spirit, and they shall be created, and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Our Father, &c.

Hail Mary, &c.

I believe in God, &c.

Give thanks.

I give thee thanks, from the bottom of my heart, for all thy mercies and blessings bestowed upon me and upon thy whole Church ; and particularly for those I have received from thee this day, in thy watching over me, and preserving me from so many evils, and favouring me with so many graces and inspirations, &c. [*Here pause, and meditate on God's mercies.*] Oh, let me never more be ungrateful unto thee, my God, who art so good and gracious unto me.

Ask for light to discover your sins.

And now, dear Lord, add this one blessing to the rest : that I may clearly discover the sins which I have committed this day, by thought, word, and deed, or by the omission of any part of my duty to thee, to my neighbour, or to myself ; that no part of my guilt may be hidden from my own eyes, but that I may see my sins in their true colour, and may detest them as they ought to be detested.

DAILY EXAMINATION.

How have you performed your prayers, and other spiritual exercises? Have you neglected them, or shortened them, or said them with hurry and indevotion?

Have you endeavoured to live as in God's presence this day, and tried in all things to please him? Have you been guilty of murmuring or impatience under the will and appointments of God? Have you diligently performed all your ordinary duties, without sloth, carelessness, or procrastination?

Have you been guilty of any act or word contrary to truth, honesty, or purity?

Have you given way to any evil temper, pride, passion, vanity, envy, hatred, &c.? Have you spoken evil of any one, or unnecessarily of other persons' faults? Have you striven against your besetting sins? Have you carefully avoided all dangerous occasions of sin?

Are you endeavouring to make advances in the spiritual life, in holiness, love of God, and superiority to the world, and not only abstaining from actual sin?

Are you using the necessary means of a holy life—prayer, meditation, and the reading of good books?

[Whenever you find that you have been guilty of any sin, note it in your mind, with its aggravating circumstances, in order to make full confession of it when you next go to confession.]

Having carefully examined yourself, and called to mind your faults, recollect the chief sins of your past life also, and make an Act of Contrition for all.

Act of Contrition as before, page 15.

(Here you may say the 50th psalm.)

A RESOLUTION OF AMENDMENT.

O almighty God! I firmly resolve, here in thy presence, and before the whole company of heaven, to live more exactly in conformity to thy will, and to the rule of thy commandments hereafter. I resolve to keep a more strict watch over myself; to correct my faults and evil habits; to attend more diligently to

my duties ; and to avoid more carefully all sin, and all temptations and occasions of sin.

But without thy assistance, O Lord, there is no strength in man. Thou, therefore, who makest me to will that which is good, give me also the power to perform it. Give what thou commandest, and command what thou wilt, that I may live soberly, righteously, and piously in this world, and praise thee for ever with thy saints in the world to come.

Despise not, O Lord, my petitions, for thine infinite mercy's sake, but accept this my evening sacrifice, and let it ascend as incense in thy sight.

And you, my holy patrons, pray for me. Thou first, O holy Virgin, Mother of my God ; thou too, my angel guardian ; and ye, my chosen patrons [N. and N.], and all ye heavenly citizens, angels and saints, who praise God unceasingly, even while we sleep ; take me under your protection, and commend me to God ; that I may be protected from all the snares of our enemies, who are ever ready to hurt us while we sleep.

The Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

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ANTHEM.

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God ! despise not our prayers in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, *Have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of Virgins,

Mother of Christ,

Mother of divine grace,

Mother most pure,

Mother most chaste,

Mother undefiled,

Mother inviolate,

Mother most amiable,

Mother most admirable,

Mother of our Creator,

Mother of our Redeemer,

Virgin most prudent,

Virgin most venerable,

Virgin most renowned,

Virgin most powerful,

Virgin most merciful,

Virgin most faithful,

Mirror of justice,

Seat of wisdom,

Cause of our joy,

Spiritual vessel,

Vessel of honour,

Special vessel of devotion,

Mystical rose,

Tower of David,

Tower of ivory,

House of gold,

Ark of the covenant,

Gate of heaven,

Morning star,

Pray for us.

Health of the sick,
 Refuge of sinners,
 Comforter of the afflicted,
 Help of Christians,
 Queen of angels,
 Queen of patriarchs,
 Queen of prophets,
 Queen of apostles,
 Queen of martyrs,
 Queen of confessors,
 Queen of virgins,
 Queen of all saints,
 Queen, conceived without stain of original sin,

Pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us.*

Christ, hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection : through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. May the divine assistance always remain with us. R. Amen.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. R. Amen.

TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

O glorious Virgin Mary, I commit my soul and body to thy blessed trust, this night and for ever, but more especially at the hour of my death. I recommend to thy merciful charity all my hopes, my consolation, my distress and misery, my life and the end thereof: that through thy most holy intercession, all my works may be directed according to the will of thy blessed Son. Amen.

A PRAYER TO YOUR ANGEL GUARDIAN.

300 d. ap.

O angel of God, to whose holy care I am committed by the supreme clemency, enlighten, defend, and protect me this night from all sin and danger. Amen.

THE BLESSING.

O God the Father, bless me; Jesus Christ, defend and keep me; the virtue of the Holy Ghost enlighten and sanctify me, this night and for ever. Amen.

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Lord Jesus, receive my soul.

When you go to bed, say:

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ crucified, I lay me down to rest! Bless me, O Lord, defend and govern me, and after this short and miserable pilgrimage, bring me to everlasting happiness. Amen.

 THE MASS.

Before the Mass the Acts of Faith, Hope, and Charity (p. 15), are frequently said; then the following:—

A PRAYER BEFORE MASS.

O MERCIFUL Father, who didst so love the world as to give up for our redemption thy beloved Son ; who, in obedience to thee, and for us sinners, humbled himself even unto the death of the cross, and continues to offer himself daily, by the ministry of his priests, for the living and the dead ; we humbly beseech thee, that, penetrated with a lively faith, we may always assist with the utmost devotion and reverence at the oblation of his most precious body and blood, which is made at Mass, and thereby be made partakers of the sacrifice which he consummated on Calvary.

In union with thy Holy Church and its minister, and invoking the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and all the angels and saints, we now offer the adorable Sacrifice of the Mass to thy honour and glory, to acknowledge thy infinite perfections, thy supreme dominion over all thy creatures, our entire subjection to thee, and total dependence on thy gracious providence, and in thanksgiving for all thy benefits, and for the remission of our sins.

We offer it for the propagation of the Catholic Faith, for our most Holy Father the Pope, for our archbishop (or bishop), and for all the pastors and clergy of thy Holy Church,

that they may direct the faithful in the way of salvation—for the Queen, and for all that are in high station, that we may lead quiet and holy lives—for peace and good-will among all states and people—for the necessities of mankind—and particularly for the congregation here present; to obtain all blessings we stand in need of in this life, everlasting happiness in the next, and eternal rest to the faithful departed.

And, as Jesus Christ so ordained when he instituted at his Last Supper this wonderful mystery of his power, wisdom, and goodness, we offer the Mass in grateful remembrance of all he has done and suffered for the love of us; making special commemoration of his bitter passion and death, and of his glorious resurrection and ascension into Heaven. Vouchsafe, O Almighty and Eternal God (for to thee alone so great a sacrifice is due), graciously to accept it, for these and all other purposes agreeable to thy holy will. And to render it the more pleasing, we offer it to thee through the same Jesus Christ, thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour, our High Priest and Victim, and in the name of the Most Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; to whom be honour, praise, and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Sacrifice of the Mass.

Our faith assures us that the Sacrifice of the Mass is the same, in an unbloody manner, as the Sacrifice of the Cross. It is then to have the privilege of assisting with the Blessed Mother of God, with Mary Magdalen, with St. John, and the penitent thief, at the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Who, then, would not ardently desire to hear Mass every day? Hence all fervent Christians throughout the world put themselves to great inconvenience to enjoy this glorious privilege. The Sodalist of the B. Mother of God should especially love it. To increase our faith in it, and love for it, we recommend, with S. Leonard of Port Maurice, the following Method of Assisting at Mass.

Having asked the aid of the Holy Spirit, of Our Blessed Lady, and your angel guardian, that you may hear this Mass with all reverence and devotion, consider it as divided into four spaces or parts, in order to pay during them the four obligations answering to the four ends of the sacrifice.

ADORATION.

From the beginning of Mass to the end of the Creed, spend in your first obligation of honouring and praising the majesty of God. Wherefore, humble yourself with Jesus, and descend in thought into the depth of your nothingness; confess sincerely how wretched, and how merely nothing you are before so immense a Majesty; and thus humbled internally and externally, and remaining reverently throughout Mass, all modest and composed, say the following prayer:—

O MY God, I adore thee, and acknowledge thee for my Lord, and for the master of my soul. I protest that all I am, and all I have, are entirely from thee. Since thy supreme Majesty deserves infinite honour and homage, while I am but a poor helpless being, utterly incapable of paying so great a debt, I offer up to thee the humiliation and the homage which Jesus renders to thee on the altar. That which Jesus does, I purpose also to do ; I humble, I abase myself together with him before thy Majesty. I adore thee with the same humiliation which Jesus practises, and I rejoice and am glad that blessed Jesus should give to thee, in my behalf, the infinite honour and homage of the most adorable Sacrifice of the Altar.

Then close the book, and exercise yourself in forming many such internal acts of joy, that God should thus be infinitely honoured. Repeat over and over again :—

YES, O my God, I delight in the infinite honour which results to thy Majesty from this most holy sacrifice ; I delight in it, I rejoice as much as I know how, as much as I can.

Be not at all anxious to keep to the words just given, but make use of those which your devotion shall dictate, while you remain all united with God. This will indeed be a happy fulfilment of the first of your obligations.

CONTRITION.

From the Creed to the end of the Elevation, cast a brief glance over your most grievous sins, and recognising the immeasurable nature of your debt towards divine justice, say, with humbled heart :—

BEHOLD, O my God, this traitor, who has so many times rebelled against thee. Ah, me ! pierced with grief, how I hate and detest my heavy sins, while I offer for them that same satisfaction which Jesus offers on the altar. I offer to thee all the merits of Jesus, all Jesus himself, God and Man, who now, as an unbloody Victim, presents anew for me his sacrifice on the cross. I offer all that he does on that altar as my mediator and advocate, imploring of thee to pardon me through his most precious blood. I unite myself with the cry of that loving blood, and I beseech of thee mercy for my sins, so grievous and so many. The blood of Jesus cries for mercy—my pierced heart cries for mercy. Ah, if my tears move thee not, O my God, let the groans of my Jesus move thee. That mercy which he obtained for the whole human race on the cross, why should he not obtain it for me on this altar ? Yes, yes, I hope that, in virtue of his most precious blood, thou wilt pardon all my transgressions, for which I shall persevere in weeping to the last breath of my life.

Shutting the book, make many of these acts of true contrition. Then give rein to your affections, and say to Jesus :—

O DEAREST Jesus, give me the tears of Peter, the fervour of Magdalen, and the grief of those saints who, once sinners, were afterwards true penitents, in order that in this Mass I may obtain true contrition for all my sins.

Make many such acts, entirely recollected in God, offering in this way, for the debt of your many sins, the satisfaction of Jesus on Calvary.

THANKSGIVING.

From the Elevation till the Communion, recall to your mind the great and good gifts bestowed on you, or designed for you by God, and then offer to him in return a gift of infinite value, that is, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Then invite all the angels and all the saints to thank God in your behalf, in the following or some similar words :—

I SEE myself, O my God, laden with countless benefits, both general and particular, of soul and body, which thou deignest to bestow on me in time, and to store up for me in eternity. I know that thy mercies towards me have been, and are, infinite, but yet I am ready to repay thee all, even to the last farthing. Behold, I thank and repay thee by this most precious Body, this divine Blood, this innocent Victim which I present to thee

by the hands of thy priest. I am certain that this offering which I make is sufficient to repay all the gifts thou hast bestowed on me. This gift of infinite value is, by itself, worth all the gifts which I have received, and which I do now receive, and am yet to receive, from thee. Ah, holy angels, and all you beloved ones in heaven, help me to thank my God, and to offer him in thanksgiving for such benefits, not only this, but all the Masses which are celebrated throughout the whole world, in order that his loving beneficence may remain fully recompensed for so many graces which he hath bestowed on me, which he is now about to bestow, and will bestow, throughout eternity. Amen.

O how will our good God be pleased with thanks so affectionate ! O how satisfied will he remain with this sole offering, worth all other offerings, since it is of infinite worth ! And to stir yourself the more to feelings so devout, invite all heaven in like manner to employ itself for you ; invoke the Blessed Mother of God, and all those saints to whom you feel the greatest devotion, and say to them, with your heart :—

O BLESSED Mary, Mother of God, and my Mother, O all ye saints and friends of God, and my brothers and loving advocates, I entreat you to aid me in thanking God for all his blessings to me, or rather thank him for me. Beg of him to accept,
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not merely your thanks as mine, but also the infinite thanks of Jesus to him in this most adorable sacrifice.

Be not content with saying this once only, but repeat it over and over again, and be assured, that in this way you will make great approaches towards satisfying this obligation.

* * At the Communion, either receive, if prepared, or make a spiritual Communion.

SUPPLICATION.

From the Communion to the end of Mass, united to Jesus, summon up holy courage to ask of him many graces, knowing that at that time Jesus unites himself to you, and prays and supplicates—yes, even he—in your behalf; and therefore enlarge your heart, and do not ask things of small importance, but ask great graces, your Offering being so great, namely, that of His Divine Son. Say to him, with an humble heart:—

O MY God, too well do I know myself to be unworthy of thy favours. I confess my supreme misery, and that because of so many and so grievous sins, I deserve not to be heard. But how shalt thou be able to refuse attention to thy divine Son, who on this altar prays for me, and offers to thee, on my behalf, his life and his blood? Ah, my God, hear the prayer of this my great Advocate, and for his sake grant me all the graces which thou knowest to be necessary for accomplishing the great affair of my

eternal salvation. And now that I take heart to ask of thee a general pardon of all my sins, and the grace of final perseverance, I also ask of thee, my God, trusting in the merits and intercession of Jesus, all the virtues I require, and all the aids efficacious for making me a true saint. I ask of thee the conversion of all unbelievers, and of all sinners, and particularly of those that belong to me by ties of blood, or by spiritual affinity. I beg of thee the liberation, not of one soul only, but of all the souls in purgatory. O bring them all out, so that through the efficacy of this divine sacrifice, that prison where they are being rendered pure may become empty. Convert also all the souls of the living: may this miserable world become a paradise of delight for thee, where, loved, revered, and praised in time by all of us, we may come afterwards to praise and bless thee for all eternity. Amen.

Offer petitions also again and again for yourself, your children, your friends, relations, and acquaintance, for priests, for benefactors, for all who have asked or need your prayers, asking help for them and for yourself in all things, spiritual and temporal; ask also the fulness of all good, and relief from all evils for Holy Church; and do not ask any of these things with lukewarmness, but rather with a great confidence, making sure that your prayers, united with those of Jesus, shall indeed be heard.

THE
Ordinary of the Mass,
WITH THE
PROPER MASS OF THE BLESSED
TRINITY.

The Priest at the foot of the altar, beginning, saith:

P. **I**N the name of the Father, and
of the Son, and of the Holy
Ghost. Amen.

P. I will go unto the altar of
God.

C. To God, who giveth joy to
my youth.

Psalm xlii.

P. **J**UDGE me, O God, and dis-
tinguish my cause from the
nation that is not holy: from
the unjust and deceitful man deliver
me.

C. Since thou, O God, art my
strength, why hast thou cast me off?

And why do I grow sorrowful while the enemy afflicteth me ?

P. Send forth thy light and thy truth : they have conducted me and brought me to thy holy mount, and into thy tabernacles.

C. And I will go unto the altar of God ; to God who giveth joy to my youth.

P. I will praise thee on the harp, O God, my God ; why art thou sad, O my soul, and why dost thou disquiet me ?

C. Hope in God, for I will still praise him, the salvation of my countenance and my God.

P. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost ;

C. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P. I will go unto the altar of God.

C. To God who giveth joy to my youth.

P. Our help is the name of the Lord.

C. Who made heaven and earth.

P. I confess, &c.

C. May Almighty God be merciful to thee, and forgiving thee thy sins, bring thee to everlasting life.

P. Amen.

C. I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever a Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, to all the saints, and to you, Father, that I have sinned exceedingly, in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary ever a Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter

and Paul, and all the saints, and you, Father, to pray to our God for me.

P. May Almighty God be merciful unto you, and forgiving you your sins, bring you to life everlasting.

C. Amen.

P. May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins.

C. Amen.

P. Thou, O God, being turned wilt enliven us.

C. And thy people will rejoice in thee.

P. Show us, O Lord, thy mercy.

C. And grant us thy salvation.

P. O Lord, hear my prayer.

C. And let my cry come unto thee.

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And with thy spirit.

When the Priest goes up to the altar, he says :

TAKE away from us our iniquities,
we beseech thee, O Lord, that

we may be worthy to enter with pure minds into the Holy of Holies. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

When he bows before the altar, he says :

WE beseech thee, O Lord, by the merits of thy saints whose relics are here, and of all the saints, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to forgive me all my sins. Amen.

[Here, at Solemn Mass, the Priest blesses the incense, saying : *Mayest thou be + blest by him in whose honour thou shalt be burned.* Having fumed the altar he turns to the book and reads the Introit.]

BLESSED be the Holy Trinity, and undivided Unity ; we will praise it, because it hath shown his mercy to us. *Ps.* O Lord, our God, how wonderful is thy name over the utmost boundaries of the earth !

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.
Blessed, &c., as before.

After which is alternately said or sung :

P. Lord, have mercy on us.

C. Lord, have mercy on us.

P. Lord, have mercy on us.

C. Christ, have mercy on us.

P. Christ, have mercy on us.

C. Christ, have mercy on us.

P. Lord, have mercy on us.

C. Lord, have mercy on us.

P. Lord, have mecy on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

GLORY be to God on high, and
G on earth peace to men of good
will. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we adore thee, we glorify thee.
We give thee thanks for thy great
glory, O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty. O Lord
Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son,
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of
the Father, who takest away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Who takest away the sins of the
world, receive our prayers. Who
sittest at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us. For

thou alone art holy, thou alone art the Lord, thou alone, O Jesus Christ, together with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Turning towards the people, the Priest says :

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And with thy spirit.

COLLECT.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who has granted thy servants in the confession of the true faith, to acknowledge the glory of an Eternal Trinity, and in the power of majesty to adore an Unity ; we beseech thee, that by the strength of this faith, we may be defended from all adversity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*II. COLLECT.

PRESERVE us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all dangers

*This Collect, with its corresponding Secret and

of body and soul : and by the intercession of glorious and blessed Mary, the ever Virgin Mother of God, of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul, of blessed *N.*, and of all the saints, grant us, in thy mercy, health and peace ; that, adversities and errors being removed, thy Church may serve thee with a pure and undisturbed devotion. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE. *Rom.* xi. 33.

O THE depth of the riches of the wisdom and of the knowledge of God ! How incomprehensible are his judgments, and how unsearchable his ways ! For who hath known the mind of the Lord ? Or who hath been his counsellor ?

P. Communion, is said every day as a second Collect, &c. (Doubles and within Octaves excepted), from Candlemas Day to Passion Sunday, and from Trinity Sunday to the first Sunday of Advent **exclusively**.

Or who hath first given to him, and recompense shall be made him? For of him, and by him, and in him, are all things. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

C. Deo gratias.

GRAD. *Dan. iii.*

BLESSED art Thou, O Lord, who beholdest the deep, and sittest on the cherubim.

V. Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven, and worthy of praise for ever. *Alleluia.*

V. Blessed art thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and worthy of praise for ever. *Alleluia.*

The Prayer, *Munda cor meum* before the Gospel.

CLEANSE my heart and my lips, O Almighty God, who didst cleanse the lips of the prophet Isaias with a burning coal; and vouchsafe, through thy gracious mercy, so to purify me, that I may worthily

attend to thy holy Gospel. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Lord be in my heart, and on my lips, that I may worthily, and in a becoming manner, attend to his holy Gospel. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And with thy spirit.

P. The continuation (*or* beginning) of the holy Gospel, according to, &c.

C. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL. *Matt.* xxviii. 18, 20.

AT *that time*, Jesus said to his disciples : All power is given to me in heaven and on earth. Going, therefore, teach all nations ; *baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost* ; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you ; and behold I am with

you all days, even to the consummation of the world.

C. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Then say with the Priest, in a low voice :

MAY our sins be blotted out by
the words of the Gospel.

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I BELIEVE in one God, the
Father Almighty, Maker of
heaven and earth, and of all things
visible and invisible.

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God, and
born of the Father before all ages ;
God of God, light of light, true God
of true God ; begotten not made ;
consubstantial to the Father, by
whom all things were made. Who
for us men, and for our salvation,
came down from heaven ;* *and be-*

* Here the Priest genuflects in reverence of Christ's
Incarnation.

came incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary; AND WAS MADE MAN. He was crucified also for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven; sitteth at the right hand of the Father; and he is to come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; of whose kingdom there shall be no end.

And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I expect the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. Let us pray.

Offertory.

BLESSED be God the Father,
and the only-begotten Son of
God, as likewise the Holy Ghost;
for he has shown mercy to us.

Oblation of the Host.

ACCEPT, O holy Father, Almighty
and Eternal God, this unspotted
Host, which I, thy unworthy servant,
offer unto thee, my living and true
God, for my innumerable sins,
offences, and negligences, and for
all here present; as also for all
faithful Christians, both living and
dead; that it may avail both me
and them unto life everlasting.
Amen.

When the Priest puts the wine and water into the
Chalice, he says :

O GOD, who in creating human
nature hast wonderfully digni-

fied it, and still more wonderfully reformed it; grant that by the mystery of this water and wine, we may be made partakers of his divine nature who vouchsafed to become partaker of our human nature, *namely*, Jesus Christ our Lord, thy Son, who with thee, in the Unity of, &c. Amen.

Oblation of the Chalice.

WE offer unto thee, O Lord, the Chalice of salvation, beseeching thy clemency, that it may ascend before thy divine Majesty, as a sweet odour, for our salvation, and for that of the whole world. Amen.

When the Priest bows before the Altar.

ACCEPT us, O Lord, in the spirit of humility, and contrition of heart; and grant that the sacrifice we offer this day in thy sight may be pleasing to thee, O Lord God.

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When he blesses the bread and wine.

COME, O Almighty and Eternal God, the Sanctifier, and bless this sacrifice prepared for the glory of thy holy name.

Here, in solemn Masses, he blesses the Incense, saying :

MAY the Lord, by the intercession of blessed Michael the Archangel standing at the right hand of the Altar of Incense, and of all his elect, vouchsafe to bless this incense, and receive it as an odour of sweetness. Through, &c. Amen.

At incensing the bread and wine, he says :

MAY this Incense which thou has blest, O Lord, ascend to thee, and may thy mercy descend upon us.

At incensing the altar, he says : *Ps. cxi.*

LET my prayer, O Lord, be directed as incense in thy sight ;

and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and a door round about my lips. Incline not my heart to evil words, to make excuses in sin.

On giving the censer to the deacon, he says :

MAY the Lord enkindle within us the fire of his love, and the flame of everlasting charity. Amen.

Washing his hands, he says : *Ps. xxv. 6.*

I WILL wash my hands among the innocent ; and will compass thy altar, O Lord.

That I may hear the voice of thy praise, and tell all thy wondrous works.

I have loved, O Lord, the beauty of thy house, and the place where thy glory dwelleth.

Take not away my soul with the

wicked, O God, nor my life with bloody men.

In whose hands are iniquities : their right hand is filled with gifts.

But I have walked in my innocence : redeem me and have mercy on me.

My foot hath stood in the direct way : in the churches I will bless thee, O Lord.

Glory be, &c.

Bowing in the middle of the altar, he says :

RECEIVE, O holy Trinity, this oblation, which we make to thee in memory of the Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in honour of the blessed Mary, ever a Virgin, of blessed John Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the saints ; that it may be available to their honour, and our salvation ; and that they may vouchsafe

to intercede for us in heaven, whose memory we celebrate on earth. Through, &c. Amen.

Then turning himself towards the people, he says :

BRETHREN, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

C. May the Lord receive the sacrifice from thy hands to the praise and glory of his own name, and to our benefit, and that of all his holy Church.

Secret.

SANCTIFY, we beseech thee, O Lord our God, by the invocation of thy holy name, the victim of this oblation ; and by it make us ourselves an eternal offering unto thee. Through, &c.

II. Secret.

GRACIOUSLY hear us, O God our Saviour ; that by virtue of this sacrament, thou mayest defend

us from all enemies of both soul and body : grant us grace in this life, and glory in the next. Through, &c.

P. World without end.

C. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And with thy spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We have lifted them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is meet and just.

THE PREFACE.

On Festivals and other days that have none proper,
and in Masses for the Dead.

IT is truly meet and just, right and available to salvation, that we should always, and in all places, give thanks to thee, O holy Lord, Father Almighty ! eternal God ! Through Christ our Lord, by whom the angels praise thy Majesty,

the dominations adore it, the powers tremble before it, the heavens, the heavenly virtues, and blessed Seraphim, with common jubilee glorify it. Together with whom we beseech thee that we may be admitted to join our humble voices, saying :

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts ! Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Canon of the Mass.

WE therefore humbly pray and beseech thee, most merciful Father, through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to accept and bless these gifts, these presents, these holy unspotted sacrifices, which in the first place we offer thee for thy holy

Catholic Church, to which vouchsafe to grant peace, as also to preserve, unite, and govern it throughout the world ; together with thy servant *N.* our Pope, *N.* our Bishop, as also all orthodox believers and professors of the Catholic and apostolic faith.

Commemoration of the living.

BE mindful, O Lord, of thy servants, men and women, *N.* and *N.*

He prays mentally for those he intends to pray for.

AND of all here present, whose faith and devotion are known unto thee, for whom we offer, or who offer up to thee this sacrifice of praise for themselves, their families, and friends, for the redemption of their souls, for the health and salvation they hope for, and for which they now pay their vows to thee, the eternal, living, and true God.

Communicating with, and honouring in the first place, the memory of the ever glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord and God Jesus Christ ; as also of the blessed apostles and martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus, Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystes, Cornelius, Cyprian, Laurence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all thy saints, through whose merits and prayers grant that we may be always defended by the help of thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Spreading his hands over the Oblation, he says :

WE therefore beseech thee, O Lord, graciously to accept this oblation of our servitude, as also of thy whole family ; and to dispose our days in thy peace, pre-

serve us from eternal damnation, and rank us in the number of thine elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Which oblation do thou, O God, vouchsafe in all respects to bless, approve, ratify, and accept; that it may be made for us the body and blood of thy most beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

Who, the day before he suffered, took bread into his holy and venerable hands, and with his eyes lifted up towards heaven, giving thanks to thee, almighty God, his Father, he blest it, brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take and eat ye all of this, FOR THIS IS MY BODY.

After pronouncing the words of Consecration, the Priest, kneeling, adores and elevates the Sacred Host.

IN like manner, after he had supped, taking also this excellent chalice into his holy and venerable

hands, giving thee also thanks, he blessed and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take and drink ye all of this, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL TESTAMENT: THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: WHICH SHALL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY, TO THE REMISSION OF SINS.

As often as ye do these things, ye shall do them in remembrance of me.

Here, also kneeling, he adores and elevates the Chalice.

WHEREFORE, O Lord, we, thy servants, as also thy holy people, calling to mind the blessed passion of the same Christ thy Son, our Lord, his resurrection from the dead, and admirable ascension into heaven, offer unto thy most excellent Majesty, of thy gifts bestowed upon us, a pure Host, a holy Host, an un-

spotted Host, the holy bread of eternal life, and chalice of everlasting salvation.

Upon which vouchsafe to look with a propitious and serene countenance, and to accept them, as thou wert graciously pleased to accept the gifts of thy just servant Abel, and the sacrifice of our patriarch Abraham, and that which thy high priest Melchisedech offered to thee, a holy sacrifice and unspotted victim.

We most humbly beseech thee, Almighty God, to command these things to be carried by the hands of thy holy angels to thy altar on high, in the sight of thy divine Majesty, that as many as shall partake of the most sacred body and blood of thy Son at this altar may be filled with every heavenly grace and blessing. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Commemoration of the Dead.

BE mindful, O Lord, of thy servants *N.* and *N.*, who are gone before us with the sign of Faith, and rest in the sleep of peace.

Here particular remembrance is made of such of the Dead as are to be prayed for.

TO these, O Lord, and to all that sleep in Christ, grant, we beseech thee, a place of refreshment, light, and peace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here, striking his breast, the Priest says :

ALSO to us sinners, thy servants, confiding in the multitude of thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with thy holy apostles and martyrs ; with John, Stephen, Mathias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecily, Anastasia, and

with all thy saints, into whose company we beseech thee to admit us, not in consideration of our merit, but of thy own gratuitous pardon. Through Christ our Lord.

By whom, O Lord, thou dost always create, sanctify, quicken, bless, and give us all these good things. By him, and with him, and in him, is to thee, God the Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory.

P. For ever and ever.

C. Amen.

Let us pray.

INSTRUCTED by thy saving precepts, and following thy divine directions, we presume to say :

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name ; thy kingdom come ; thy will be done on earth as it is on heaven ; give us this day our daily bread ; and forgive us our

trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us ; and lead us not into temptation.

P. But deliver us from evil.

C. Amen.

Deliver us, we beseech thee, O Lord, from all evils, past, present, and to come; and by the intercession of the blessed and ever glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and of the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and of Andrew, and of all the saints, mercifully grant peace in our days, that through the assistance of thy mercy we may be always free from sin, and secure from all disturbance. Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, who with thee and the holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth God.

P. World without end.

C. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

C. And with thy spirit.

Breaking the Host, he puts a particle thereof into the Chalice, saying :

MAY this mixture and consecration of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ be to us that receive it effectual to eternal life. Amen.

Then bowing and striking his breast, he says :

LAMB of God, who takest away the sins of the world,* have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,* have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,* give us peace.

In Masses for the Dead, he says twice. *Give them rest ; and lastly, *Give them eternal rest.

In Masses for the Dead the following prayer is also omitted.

LORD Jesus Christ, who saidst to thy apostles, I leave you peace, I give you my peace ; regard

not my sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to thy will; who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, according to the will of thy Father, hast by thy death, through the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, given life to the world, deliver me by this thy most sacred body and blood from all my iniquities, and from all evils; and make me always adhere to thy commandments, and never suffer me to be separated from thee; who livest and reignest with God the Father, &c. Amen.

Let not the participation of thy body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, though unworthy, presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation; but through thy

mercy may it be a safeguard and remedy, both to soul and body ; who, with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

Taking the Host in his hands, he says :

I WILL take the bread of heaven and call upon the name of the Lord.

Striking his breast with humility and devotion, he says thrice :

LORD, I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof ; say but the word, and my soul shall be healed.

Receiving reverently both parts of the Host, he says :

MAY the body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to life everlasting. Amen.

Taking the Chalice, he says :

WHAT return shall I make the Lord for all he has given to

me ? I will take the chalice of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. Praising I will call upon the Lord, and shall be saved from my enemies.

Receiving the Blood of our Saviour, he says :

MAY the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to everlasting life. Amen.

Taking the first Ablution, he says :

GRANT, O Lord, that what we have taken with our mouth we may receive with a pure mind, and that of a temporal gift it may become to us an eternal remedy.

Taking the second Ablution, he says :

MAY thy body, O Lord, which I have received, and thy blood, which I have drunk, cleave to my bowels ; and grant that no stain of sin may remain in me, who have been fed with this pure and holy sacrament. Who livest, &c.

THE COMMUNION.

WE bless the God of heaven,
and we will praise him in the
sight of all the living : because he
hath shown us his mercy.

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And with thy spirit.

P. COMMUNION.

MAY the receiving of this sacra-
ment, O Lord our God, avail
us to the salvation of body and soul,
together with the confession of an
everlasting holy Trinity, and of the
undivided Unity thereof. Through,
&c.

II.—P. COMMUNION.

MAY the oblation of this divine
sacrament, we beseech thee,
O Lord, both cleanse and defend
us ; and by the intercession of the
blessed Mary, the Virgin Mother of
God, and of the blessed apostles

Peter and Paul, of blessed *N.*, and of all the saints, free us from all sin, and deliver us from all adversity.

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And with thy spirit.

P. Go, you are dismissed ; *or*,
Let us bless the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

In Masses for the Dead.

P. May they rest in peace.

C. Amen.

Bowing before the altar, the Priest says :

LET the performance of my hom-
age be pleasing to thee, O holy
Trinity ; and grant that the sacrifice
which I, though unworthy, have
offered up in the sight of thy Ma-
jesty, may be acceptable to thee,
and through thy mercy be a propi-
tiation for me, and for all those
for whom it has been offered.
Through, &c.

Turning himself towards the people, he gives them the
Blessing, saying :

MAY Almighty God, + the
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
bless you.

C. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And with thy spirit.

P. The beginning of the Holy
Gospel according to St. John.

C. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

IN the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. The same
was in the beginning with God.
All things were made by him, and
without him was made nothing that
was made. In him was life, and
the life was the light of men ; and
the light shineth in darkness, and
the darkness did not comprehend it.

There was a man sent from God,
whose name was John. This man
came for a witness to give testimony

of the Light, that all might believe through him. He was not the Light, but was to give testimony of the Light. That was the true Light, which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world.

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to be made the sons of God; to them that believe in his name, who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.* AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, and dwelt among us; and we saw his glory, as it were the glory of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

R. Thanks be to God.

* Here he genuflects, to do honour to the Mystery of the Incarnation.

The Sacrament of Penance.

A PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION.

A PRAYER BEFORE THE EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE.

I am perfectly sensible, O my God, that I have in many ways offended thy divine Majesty, and provoked thy wrath by my sins ; and that if I obtain not pardon, I shall be cast out of thy sight for ever ; I desire, therefore, at present to look into all the sins whereby I have displeased thee : but, O my God, how miserably shall I deceive myself, if thou assist me not in this work by thy heavenly light ! Grant me, therefore, at present, thy grace, whereby I may discover all my sins ; for I know that nothing is hidden from thy sight. I confess myself ignorant of my own failings : my passions blind me, self-love flatters me, presumption deludes me ; and though I have many sins which stare me in the face, and cannot be hidden, yet how many, too, are there quite concealed from me ! But discover even those to me, O Lord ; enlighten my darkness, cure my blindness, and remove every veil that hides my sins from me, that I may be no longer a secret to myself, nor a stranger to my own failings, nor ever flatter myself with the thoughts of having repented, and at the same time nourish sin within my breast. Come, Holy Ghost, and, by a beam of thy divine light, illumine my understanding, that I may see clearly all my sins and iniquities, and that sincerely repenting of them, I may be again received into thy favour. Amen.

Add, if your fervour suggests it, other prayers for the same purpose, at least the *Memorare*.

EXAMEN OF CONSCIENCE.

Examine yourself on the following points :—

1st Commandment—Faith.—Have you wilfully entertained doubts against Faith, denied it, sneered at it? Gone to heretical churches during service? Read heretical books? Advised poor parents to send their children to heretical schools or orphanages? Gone or brought others to heretical meetings or tea-parties? Advised marriages with heretics, assisted at them? Ridiculed piety?

Hope.—Have you despaired? Presumed on God's mercy?

Charity.—Have you neglected for a considerable time to make acts of Charity?

Religion.—Have you shown disrespect in church, to God's ministers, at prayer, at Mass? Have you committed sacrilege by hiding a mortal sin in Confession, by receiving unworthily? Got fortunes told? Committed other superstitious works?

Ask yourself how often each day, each week, each month, &c., and try to discover, as well as you can, the number of your sins, especially your grievous sins?

II. Have you taken God's name in vain? Sworn uselessly? Perjured yourself by swearing falsely, or by swearing to a thing doubted or unknown? Have you broken your vows? Do you belong to any secret society? Did you curse?

III. Have you wilfully and unnecessarily neglected Mass on Sundays or holidays? Have you done unnecessary servile work on such days? Have you advised or caused others to neglect an obligatory Mass? Have you neglected to send children and servants to Mass? or sent young people to it unattended?

IV. **Duties of Children.**—Have you been dis-

obedient or disrespectful to parents or superiors, cursed or struck them, called them names, or wished them evil?

Duties of Parents.—Have you been wanting in correcting children, in warning them, in seeing that they attend their religious duties? Have you given excessive correction, or provoked them to anger by misconduct of any kind?

Duties of Superiors.—Have you failed to correct servants when acting improperly, or speaking on bad subjects, or cursing, &c.?

Have you shown scandal by bad example, bad advice, seduction? Induced to drink, given drink to persons under its influence? How often?

V. Have you quarrelled, struck, beaten, or killed anybody? Taken or wished revenge, or evil of any kind, or borne ill will?

VI.—IX. Have you consented to bad thoughts, bad desires? Have you said or listened to bad words, told or willingly heard bad stories, done bad actions, looked at bad things, pointed out bad objects to others? What sins? How many present? How often?

VII.—X. Have you stolen, cheated? How much? Taken loans without permission? Given away what was not your own? Adulterated? What restitution is due? How much can you make?

VIII. Have you detracted or calumniated? In what? How many? What injury have you done? What restitution is due? Have you told lies? Have you betrayed secrets?

COMMANDMENTS OF THE CHURCH.

Have you violated the abstinence or fasts of the Church? How often? Have you neglected your

Easter duty? Have you neglected to pay dues to your pastor? Have you married within the forbidden degrees, or clandestinely?

ON GLUTTONY.

Have you eaten or drunk too much? How often? With what scandal?

A PRAYER FOR OBTAINING CONTRITION.

I have now here before me, O Lord, a sad array of the manifold offences whereby I have displeased thy divine Majesty, and which I am assured will appear in judgment against me, if, by repentance and a hearty sorrow, my soul be not prepared to receive thy pardon. But this sorrow and this repentance, O Lord, must be the free gift of thy mercy, without which all my endeavours will be in vain, and I shall be for ever miserable. Have pity, therefore, on me, O merciful Father, and pour forth into my heart thy grace, whereby I may sincerely repent of all my sins; grant me true contrition, that I may bewail my base ingratitude, and grieve from my heart for having offended so good a God. Permit me not to be deluded by a false sorrow, as I fear I have been too often, through my own weakness and neglect; but let it now be thy gift, descending from thee, the Father of Lights, that so my repentance may be accompanied by an amendment and a change of life; that being thus acquitted from the guilt of my sins, I may once more be received into the number of thy servants. Amen.

To this prayer may be added "Come, O Holy Ghost," p. 11; a short prayer to Mary; the "Angel of God," p. 15; then meditate for a short time on the following points:—

CONSIDERATIONS TO EXCITE SORROW.

I. By sin I have deserved hell. What is hell? What its terrible torture? A spark of fire on my finger—how painful is it? What to be surrounded by a sea of fire! How long? For eternity. O eternity, never ending, how awful art thou! What should I do to avoid tortures so incomprehensible, especially when they never end?

II. By sin I have lost what is infinitely more precious than life itself. In Baptism I was made a child of God, and my name was written in the Book of Life. By a mortal sin—for a filthy thought, or word, or action of a moment, I blotted it out. O what madness! Then I flung away God's grace and love, I became his enemy, and in his very presence. For what? O madness inconceivable! Yet in him I live, and move, and have my being. O my God, teach me to know what sin is; teach me to hate it as I ought. O Mary, my mother, obtain for me true contrition!

To these considerations may be added others on judgment, or heaven lost; on our ingratitude to God, who proves his love to us by so many blessings of body and soul, by saving us from hell, which we deserved, by offering us again his holy grace.

After these considerations, make a fervent act of contrition, and go to Confession. When Confession is over, thank God for his mercy by the following

PRAYER AFTER CONFESSION.

What thanks do I not owe to thee, my God, not only for having created me, redeemed me, and called me to the bosom of thy Church; but still more for having waited for my return whilst I was wandering from thee in the miserable paths of sin, for having so often pardoned me, as I hope thou hast done this day,

and for having preserved me from so many other sins, into which I should have fallen had I not been prevented by thy gracious hand !

But my enemies will not cease to tempt me until death, and, if thou support me not, alas ! I shall soon begin again to offend thee more grievously than ever. Grant me then, through the merits of Jesus Christ, the precious grace of final perseverance. This divine Saviour has assured us that whatever we ask in his name thou wilt grant it to us. I entreat thee, therefore, through all that thy dear Son has suffered for me, never to let me forsake thee any more. I feel the greatest confidence that, if I continue to pray for this grace, I shall obtain it, because thou hast promised to hear our prayers. But I tremble with fear lest, in some unguarded moment, I should forget my dependence upon thee, fail to invoke thy help, and thus relapse into my former misery. Grant, therefore, that under all my temptations, I may have instant recourse to thee by invoking the holy names of Jesus and Mary. Thus, O my God, I may confidently hope to die in thy grace, and to love thee for ever in heaven, where I shall be sure never to be separated from thee, and to be consumed in the fire of thy holy love for all eternity. Amen.

Devotions for Holy Communion.

AN ACT OF FAITH.

My Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, I firmly believe that thou art really present in the most adorable Sacrament of the Altar. I firmly believe that under the appearance of bread, thou art living, body and blood, soul and divinity, the Son of God, the Second Person of the most holy Trinity, the God of heaven and earth, before whom all creatures are as if they

were not. Yes, O Jesus, I believe with my whole heart, and, with all the choirs of heaven, prostrate in most profound respect, adore thee as my God. But what adoration that is worthy of thy infinite Majesty can I offer thee? Who am I, dust and ashes, to stand even in thy awful presence, and to offer thee my most insignificant and worthless adoration? No, my adoration is too contemptible to present thee. Then, O holy Mary, and all ye holy angels and saints, and choirs of heaven, most earnestly do I entreat of you to adore for me Jesus, the Son of God made flesh, ever present in the most Blessed Eucharist. This adoration, then, I offer thee, O Son of God; deign in thy mercy to accept it as mine.

AN ACT OF HUMILITY.

But what am I going to do? I am going to receive into my heart this God of infinite Majesty—I? and who am I? A worm of the earth. My body, what is it? The grave tells me. Holy Job tells me—“*I have said to rottenness: thou art my father; to worms, my mother and sister.*” Would to God that this misery were all; but I have sinned. If I have committed mortal sin, I have, then, deserved hell, I should be now a devil there. If not, O it was thy loving providence alone preserved me. I should there be herding now with demons. Who am I, then, to receive thee, O Son of God, O God of infinite Majesty, of infinite holiness? The very choirs of heaven are not pure before thee—and what am I? O my God, I acknowledge before thy throne my misery, my nothingness, my infamy. Most unworthy, then, do I feel myself even to stand in thy sight. What to receive thee!

AN ACT OF CONFIDENCE AND DESIRE.

Yet, O my God and my Brother—Oh, dare I call thee brother! Dare I, odious sinner as I have been,

and am, dare I call thee my brother? Oh, blessed be God! My soul doth magnify thee, O God of infinite mercy and love. O truly, thy mercies are above all thy works. Yes, I may call thee my brother. Then, away with the fears which assail me! Thou wishest me to come to thee, and to enter into my heart. Away, then, thoughts of fear or distrust—thou tellest me to receive thee. Then, welcome, Jesus, my brother, welcome, ten thousand times over. Yes, I desire with my whole soul to receive thee; would that I could receive thee more worthily than I do! Indeed, I do confess my extreme unworthiness, but, since thou overlookest this in thy mercy, I can only thank thee again and again. Blessed be God! Blessed be Jesus, the Son of God! I thank thee, I bless thee, my soul doth magnify thee. Come, then, O sweet Jesus, come into my heart, and fill it with thy holy love, and grant that I may love but thee, O Jesus, my God, and yet my brother.

[Repeat these acts if you have time, over and over again, slowly going through them, thinking on each sentiment they contain, and try to make it your own. If, however, you feel cold or hard-hearted, then beg, by short ejaculatory prayers to the B. Mother of God, to St. Joseph, to your good angel guardian, to all the saints, that they may pray for you and assist you. Then offer to Jesus their adorations, humility, and love, in place of your own. Thus prepared, receive the most Blessed Sacrament, it is needless to say how reverently, for reverence will spring naturally, as it were, from this preparation.]

AFTER COMMUNION.

[Remain for some time reflecting on the great mystery of love contained in the most holy Sacrament. Renew your acts of faith, humility, and love;

beg the graces the Holy Spirit will inspire you to ask, for yourself, the Church, your friends, and others. At least a quarter of an hour should be spent in thanksgiving. To aid those who cannot think for so long together, we give the following prayers of thanksgiving.]

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION.

I return thee thanks, O eternal Father, for having, out of thy pure mercy, without any desert of mine, been pleased to feed my soul with the body and blood of thy only Son; and beseech thee, that this holy communion may not be to my condemnation, but available to the effectual remission of all my sins. May it strengthen my faith, encourage me in the practice of good works, deliver me from my vicious customs; remove from me all concupiscence; perfect me in charity, patience, humility, obedience, and all other virtues. May it secure me against all the snares of my enemies, visible and invisible; moderate my inclinations, both carnal and spiritual; closely unite me to thee, the only true God; and finally settle me in unchangeable bliss, by admitting me, though an unworthy sinner, to be a guest at that divine banquet, where thou, with the Son and the Holy Ghost, art the true light, eternal fulness, everlasting joy, and perfect happiness of all the saints: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AN ACT OF PRAISE AND ADORATION.

I praise and glorify thy blessed name, O my God, for the many favours thou hast now bestowed on me, and for all the blessings wherewith thou hast enriched my soul, after the many miseries and wants I have suffered, when, by my pleasures and passions, I had departed from thee! Alas! was not I most miserably blind, to expect content and happiness, when by my folly, neglect, and indevotion, I removed

myself at a distance from thee? But such was thy goodness as to withdraw me from the precipice whither I was running; enlightening me by the inspirations of thy grace, and inviting me to return. Thou hast pardoned all my sins; and to crown all these favours thou hast now come to visit me, that thou mightest for ever abide in me, and I in thee. O my God, be thou for ever blessed for all these infinite mercies. Bless the Lord, my soul, and let all that is within me praise and magnify his holy name. Bless the Lord, and see that thou dost not forget the favours he has done thee. He has pardoned thee all thy offences, and cured thy infirmities. He has preserved thee from death, and crowned thee with the effects of his bounty. He has satisfied thy hunger with good things, and replenished thee with all the blessings thou couldst desire. And oughtest thou not to resolve on a change of life, and, renewing thy forces, to grow young like the eagle in his service? Let thy grace, then, O Lord, be ever at hand to assist me; for the experience of my own weakness makes me fearful: and, if thou support me not, I most certainly shall fall again. Be thou, therefore, my shield and defence. Grant me a firm and constant faith; and strengthen it, not only with respect to this mystery, but all other Christian truths and principles of eternal life; that by the help thereof, I may overcome all such difficulties as I may have to encounter in my journey to that state of bliss for which I was created; as it is by such a faith, those who for my example have gone before me have triumphed over their enemies, done justice, and obtained thy promises.

AN ACT OF HOPE.

I adore thy infinite greatness, O Divine Majesty, who fillest both Heaven and Earth, and art adored by

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all the blessed spirits, angels, and saints, who, without ceasing, praise and cry out before thee, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth !" Is it possible thou shouldst condescend to visit the most unworthy of all thy servants, and desire to dwell within him ? If the heavens—nay, the heaven of heavens—cannot contain thee, how much less this habitation which I have prepared for thy reception ? But thy goodness, O great God, knows well how to humble itself, when it is for our good. Thou knowest how to conceal the dazzling splendour of thy glory, and condescend to our weak capacity, that so thou mayst communicate thyself to us the more freely. This thou didst, not only at the time of thy adorable incarnation, when thou didst make thyself like to us, the more forcibly to attract our love to thee ; but also when thou didst institute this mystery, wherein thou gavest thyself to us for the food and nourishment of our souls, the more closely to unite us to thyself, and make us aspire to that celestial banquet thou hast prepared for the blessed in heaven. O God, grant me the grace so eagerly to long after this eternal banquet, that the desire of hereafter enjoying it may make me despise all the goods and treasures of this life, and labour incessantly to prepare myself, till I am happily admitted amongst thy guests. There is one resolution which I here make in thy presence, viz., to renounce whatsoever my irregular and corrupt affections incline me to ; for they often press me to forsake the way of thy commandments, and put me in danger of forfeiting my title to eternal happiness ; but, behold, I now desire to wean my heart from them entirely, that I may place my whole love and confidence in thee alone. For this end, I am firmly resolved to watch over all my actions, to flee from sin, and to avoid whatever may be displeasing to thee. I will labour to work out my salvation by observing thy precepts ; and as

I have resolved, so I hope to be faithful to thee; but this resolution I acknowledge myself unable to keep, without the help of thy grace, which I most humbly implore. O Jesus, save me; conduct me through the ways of thy commandments, in which I now begin to walk with courage and perseverance; incline my heart to love thy divine truths; divert my eyes from beholding vain objects; enliven and strengthen me in the paths of virtue and good works, and attract me so powerfully to thyself, that I may follow thee to heaven, where thou livest and reignest for all eternity.

AN ACT OF LOVE.

O my God, what return can I make for so signal a favour, or what shall I do to acknowledge it as much as it deserves? Is it possible I should not continually love thee, after such manifest proofs of thy love? Thou hast loved me to such an excess as to lay down thy life for my sake, and shall I not make so small a return to such boundless love, as to live only for thee? Thou hast communicated thyself at present entirely to me; and shall not I henceforth remain wholly thine? Permit me not, O God, to be ungrateful, or insensible of thy love and my own salvation: I protest, therefore, in thy presence, that I will for the future be faithful to thee, and never depart from thee by the least disobedience to thy law. I will never forget thy bounty, nor the favour thou hast done me in admitting me to partake of thy mercy. I will love thee with my whole heart, for thou, O Lord, art my strength, my support, my refuge, and deliverer—nay, my God and my all. What is there in heaven or on earth I should love in preference to thee, the God of my heart, the inheritance and only happiness I pretend to? Of thee I have made choice, and nothing shall prevail on me to change.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The object of this devotion is the human Heart of Jesus, the Son of God. The heart speaks especially of love ; so, too, does the Sacred human Heart of Jesus. The particular intention of this devotion is to repair the outrages committed against our Lord, particularly in the most adorable Sacrament of the Altar. Hence we give the following

ACT OF REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

O divine Jesus, God of infinite Majesty, with most profound reverence, in union with all the powers of Heaven, we adore thee here really present under the appearance of Bread. But how is this ? The God of Heaven and Earth lies hidden here ! O wonderful mystery ! And why art thou here, O my God ? Couldst thou gain anything by this annihilation ? Nothing, surely, thou who possessest all things, O God, immense, omnipotent, infinite ! And why livest thou day and night in this most humble dwelling, in this nothingness ? Can it be that, because thou lovest us, thou art here ? Yes, this is true. O wonderful mystery which our faith reveals ! Blessed be God, blessed be the Son of God, for this miracle of love, of all miracles the most stupendous. O how can we thank thee, O good Jesus ? No ; tongue cannot praise thee as thou deservest ; then, let us enlist all tongues to proclaim our gratitude. O yes, let all tongues praise thee ; let all tongues magnify thee, O Son of God, splendour of God's substance, infinitely to be loved.

But, alas ! all men do not pay thee this homage to which thou hast claims really infinite. Some, nay, many, treat thee, O God of Love, with coldness. O dost thou, who hast loved us so dearly, deserve this ? Thou wast born for us in a stable ; thou didst live for us in poverty and obedience ; thou didst shed every drop of thy adorable blood in torture, in infamy, on the hideous cross to save us ; and yet, not content—and who could do more than give his life for us?—thou wouldst not leave us, thou wouldst still be with us, and walk with us, and see us ; thou hast invented this compendium of all thy love, and art for ever here in this most holy, most Blessed Sacrament. Surely, coldness is an outrage after love so great, so incomprehensible, so infinite. But, sad thought ! men outrage thy love, not merely by coldness, they outrage it by crime, even the awful crime of sacrilege. Many trample on thee in the Blessed Eucharist. Judas meets thy love at every step. O good Jesus, our God and our all, and can we do nothing ? Indeed, it is but too true, we can do nothing ; yet, thanks infinite and eternal to thy holy and inventive love, thou wilt accept our love and fervour as some reparation ; thou wilt arrest for them the sacrilege before it is committed ; thou art even pleased and consoled by them. What a joy for us that we can console thee, O divine Heart of Jesus ! With all the fervour of our souls, then ; with all the love we can command ; with all the fervour and love of the thrones and powers, of the cherubim and burning seraphim ; with all the fervour and love of thy own Most Blessed Virgin Mother, Mary, we prostrate ourselves before thee in profoundest adoration, and we here offer thee, in the face of the world, all their faith, reverence, fervour, and love, as ours, and as some little reparation of the outrages which we have ourselves hitherto committed, and which thy enemies constantly offer thee throughout

the world. We confess, indeed, with the greatest sorrow, that we, too, have treated thee with coldness and want of love. O good Jesus, with our whole heart we wish to remove this ; to outrage thee no longer ; grant us, then, O most loving Heart, that our hearts may be entirely filled with thy love, so that no other love can enter them or take the smallest share of them. Bless us, then, O most Sacred Heart ; bless us with thy holy love. Take, O Sacred Heart, our whole being, for all we have is thine. Do with it as thou pleasest, but accept our little offering of love as some reparation of the sins of men against thee ; teach us, too, ever so to love thee, as to repair by our fervour the ingratitude of others. Grant us, O sweet Heart of Jesus, this favour, and we are indeed content. Amen.

Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

Few practices of devotion are more earnestly recommended by the saints than visits to our Lord in the most Adorable Sacrament. All who wish to advance in virtue, should give, every day, a quarter of an hour at least to this most saving practice. We give the prayer before the Visits, composed by St. Liguori :—

VISIT TO THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT.

O my Lord Jesus Christ, who, through thy love for mankind, dost remain day and night in this Sacrament, all full of tenderness and love, expecting, inviting, and receiving all who come to visit thee ; I believe that thou art present in the Sacrament of the Altar ; from the abyss of my nothingness I adore thee, and give thee thanks for all the benefits which thou hast con-

ferred on me, and particularly that thou hast given thyself to me in this Sacrament, and thy most holy Mother, Mary, to be my advocate ; and also, for having called me to visit thee in this church. I salute thy most holy Heart this day, and this homage I direct to a threefold end : first, in thanksgiving for this great gift ; secondly, in reparation of all the injuries which thou hast received from thy enemies in this Sacrament ; thirdly, I intend by this visit to adore thee in all those places throughout the world where thou art least honoured and most neglected in this Sacrament. O my Jesus, with my whole heart I love thee ! I regret that I have so often grieved thy infinite goodness. I propose for the future, with the assistance of thy grace, never more to offend thee. And, as to the present, miserable though I am, I consecrate myself wholly to thee ; I give and make over to thee my entire will, my affections, desires, all that I am. Henceforth, do with me and all that is mine whatever it shall please thee. One thing I ask of thee, one thing I desire, thy holy love, final perseverance, and the perfect accomplishment of thy holy will. I commend to thee the souls in purgatory ; those especially who have been more devout towards this Most Holy Sacrament and the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. I also commend to thee all poor sinners. In fine, O my dear Saviour, I unite all my affections to the affections of thy most loving Heart, and, thus united, I offer them to thy Eternal Father, and beseech Him in thy name, for the love of thee, to graciously accept them.

THE ANIMA CHRISTI. 300 days.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Hide me within thy wounds.

Suffer me not to be separated from thee.

Defend me from the malignant enemy.

In the hour of my death call me, and bid me come to thee, that with thy angels and saints I may praise thee for all eternity.

Devotion to the Passion.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS.

[Immense Indulgences are granted to this holy exercise. The following method of performing it is taken from the "Little Crown of Jesus." However, to gain the Indulgences, no form of prayer is required. It is enough to meditate for a short time before each Station of the Passion, and to move from station to station when that is possible.]

STATIONS OF THE CROSS.

FIRST STATION—JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

V. We adore thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because, by thy holy Cross, thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how Jesus, after having being scourged and crowned with thorns, accepted for our sake his unjust condemnation by Pilate to die on the Cross.

O adorable Jesus, it was not Pilate ; no, it was my sins that condemned thee to die. I beseech thee, by the merits of this sorrowful journey, to assist my soul in her journey towards eternity. I love thee, my beloved Jesus ; I love thee more than myself.

ACT OF CONTRITION TO BE SAID ALONG WITH THE
PRIEST.

I repent with my whole heart of having offended thee. Never permit me to separate myself from thee again. Grant that I may love thee always ; and then do with me what thou wilt. Amen.

PATER. AVE. GLORIA.

V. Jesus, for love of me thou goest to Calvary.

R. O grant that I may live, suffer, and die with thee.

SECOND STATION.—JESUS IS MADE TO BEAR HIS
CROSS.

V. We adore thee, &c. [as before.]

Consider how Jesus, in making this journey with the Cross on his shoulders, thought of us, and offered for us, to his Father, the death he was about to undergo.

My most beloved Jesus ! I embrace all the tribulations thou hast destined for me until death. I beseech thee, by the merits of the pain thou didst suffer in carrying thy cross, to give me the necessary help to carry mine with perfect patience and resignation. I love thee, Jesus, my love, above all things. I repent, &c. [as at end of First Station.]

THIRD STATION.—JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME
UNDER HIS CROSS.

V. We adore thee, &c. [as before.]

Consider this first fall of Jesus under his Cross. His flesh was torn by the scourges, his head crowned with thorns, and he had lost a great quantity of blood. He was so weakened he could scarcely walk, and yet he had to carry this great load upon his shoulders. The soldiers struck him rudely, and thus he fell several times. All this he suffered for us.

My Jesus, it is not the weight of the Cross, but of my sins, which has made thee suffer so much pain. Ah, by the merits of this first fall, deliver me from the misery of falling into mortal sin. I love thee, O my Jesus. I repent, &c. [as before.]

FOURTH STATION.—JESUS MEETS HIS AFFLICTED MOTHER.

V. We adore thee, &c. [as before.]

Consider the meeting of the Son and the Mother, which took place on this journey. Their looks became as so many arrows to wound those hearts which loved each other so tenderly. This Jesus suffers for us.

My sweet Jesus, by the sorrow thou didst experience in this meeting, grant me the grace of a truly devoted love for thy most holy Mother. And thou, my Queen, who wast overwhelmed with sorrow, obtain for me by thy intercession a continual and tender remembrance of the passion of thy Son. I love thee, Jesus, my love, above all things. I repent, &c. [as before.]

FIFTH STATION.—THE CYRENIAN HELPS JESUS TO CARRY HIS CROSS.

V. We adore thee, &c. [as before.]

Consider how the Jews, fearing that at each step Jesus would expire, and die on the way, when they wished him to die the ignominious death of the Cross, constrained Simon the Cyrenian to carry the Cross behind our Lord. In all this Jesus thinks of me.

My most beloved Jesus, I will not refuse the Cross as the Cyrenian did ; I accept it, I embrace it. I accept in particular the death thou hast destined for me, with all the pains which may accompany it ; I unite it to thy death, I offer it to thee. Thou hast died for love of me ; I will die for love of thee. Help me by thy grace. I love thee, Jesus, my love, above all things. I repent, &c. [as before.]

SIXTH STATION.—VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS.

V. We adore thee, &c. [as before.]

Consider how the holy woman named Veronica, seeing Jesus so ill-used, and his face bathed in sweat and blood, presented him with a towel, with which he wiped his adorable face, leaving on it the impression of his countenance.

My most beloved Jesus, thy face was beautiful before, but in this journey it has lost all its beauty, and wounds and blood have disfigured it. *My* soul also was once beautiful, when it received thy grace in baptism; but alas, I have disfigured it since by my sins. Thou alone, my Redeemer, canst restore it to its former beauty. Do this by thy passion, O Jesus. I repent, &c. [as before.]

SEVENTH STATION.—JESUS FALLS THE SECOND TIME.

V. We adore thee, &c. [as before.]

Consider the second fall of Jesus under the Cross; a fall which renews the pain of all the wounds of his head and members. For me he suffers.

My most sweet Jesus, how many times thou hast pardoned me, and how many times have I fallen again, and begun again to offend thee! Oh! by the merits of this second fall, give me the necessary helps to persevere in thy grace until death. Grant that in all temptations which assail me, I may always commend myself to thee. I love thee, Jesus, my love, above all things. I repent, &c. [as before.]

EIGHTH STATION.—JESUS SPEAKS TO THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM.

V. We adore thee, &c. [as before.]

Consider how those women wept with compassion at seeing Jesus in such a pitiable state, streaming with

blood, as he walked along. "Daughters of Jerusalem," said he, "weep not over me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."

My Jesus, laden with sorrows, I weep for the offences I have committed against thee, because of the pains they have deserved, and still more because of the displeasure they have caused thee, who hast loved me so much. It is thy love, more than the fear of hell, which causes me to weep for my sins. My Jesus, I love thee more than myself. I repent, &c. [as before.]

NINTH STATION.—JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME.

V. We adore thee, &c. [as before.]

Consider the third fall of Jesus Christ. His weakness was extreme, and the cruelty of his executioners excessive, who tried to hasten his steps when he could scarcely move. All this he bears for me.

Ah, my outraged Jesus, by the merits of the weakness thou didst suffer in going to Calvary, give me strength sufficient to conquer all human respect, and all my wicked passions, which have led me to despise thy friendship. I love thee, Jesus, my love, above all things. I repent, &c. [as before.]

TENTH STATION.—JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS.

V. We adore thee, &c. [as before.]

Consider the violence with which the executioners stripped Jesus. His inner garments adhered to his torn flesh, and they dragged them off so roughly that the flesh came with them. Compassionate your Saviour thus cruelly treated.

O innocent Jesus, by the merits of the torment thou didst endure, help me to strip myself of all affection to things earthly, in order that I may place all my

love in thee, who art so worthy of my love. I love thee, O Jesus, above all things. I repent, &c. [as before.]

ELEVENTH STATION.—JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS.

V. We adore thee, &c. [as before.]

Consider how Jesus, after being thrown on the Cross, extended his hands, and offered to his Eternal Father the sacrifice of his life for our salvation. These barbarians fastened him with nails, and then, securing the Cross, allowed him to die with anguish on it.

O Jesus, laden with contempt, fix my heart in thy wounds, that it may ever remain there to love thee, and never quit thee again. I love thee more than myself. I repent, &c. [as before.]

TWELFTH STATION.—JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS.

V. We adore thee, &c. [as before.]

Consider how Jesus, after three hours' agony on the Cross, consumed with anguish, crying with a loud voice, bowed his sacred head, and died.

O divine Jesus, I kiss devoutly the Cross on which thou didst die for the love of me. I have merited by my sins to die a miserable death, but thy death is my hope. Ah ! by the merits of thy death, give me grace to die embracing thy feet, and burning with love to thee. I commit my soul into thy hands. I love thee, O Jesus, above all things. I repent with my whole heart of having offended thee. Never permit me to separate myself from thee again. Grant that I may love thee always, and then do with me what thou wilt. Amen.

PATER. AVE. GLORIA.

V. Jesus, for love of me thou didst die on Calvary.

R. O grant that I may live, suffer, and die with thee.

THIRTEENTH STATION.—JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS.

V. We adore thee, &c. [as before.]

Consider how our Lord, having expired, two of his disciples, Joseph and Nicodemus, took him down from the Cross, and placed him in the arms of his afflicted Mother, who received him with unutterable tenderness, and pressed him to her bosom.

O Mother of Sorrow, for the love of this Son, accept me for thy servant, and pray for me. And thou, my Redeemer, since thou hast died for me, permit me to love thee, for I wish for thee and nothing more. I love thee, my Jesus, above all things. I repent, &c. [as in 12th Station.]

FOURTEENTH STATION.—JESUS IS PLACED IN THE SEPULCHRE.

V. We adore thee, &c. [as before.] •

Consider how the disciples carried the body of Jesus to bury it, accompanied by his Holy Mother, who arranged it in the sepulchre with her own hands. They then closed the tomb and all withdrew.

Ah! my buried Jesus, I kiss the stone that encloses thee. But thou didst rise again the third day. I beseech thee, by thy resurrection, make me rise glorious with thee at the last day, to be always united with thee in heaven, to praise thee, and love thee for ever. O Jesus, I love thee. I repent, &c. [as in 12th Station.]

Christ was made for us obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross.

Let us pray.

Look down, O Lord, we beseech thee, upon this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ did not refuse to be delivered into the hands of wicked men, and to endure the torments of the Cross. Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God for ever and ever. Amen.

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless us, who for us was scourged, laden with his Cross, and crucified. Amen.

Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

[The Joyful Mysteries, assigned for Mondays and Thursdays throughout the Year, the Sundays of Advent, and after Epiphany till Lent. Large ind. ap.]

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V. Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

R. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

V. Thou, O Lord, wilt open my lips.

R. And my tongue shall announce thy praise.

V. Incline unto my aid, O God.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

Alleluia : or, Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

The First Mystery—The Annunciation.

THE MEDITATION.—Let us contemplate in this mystery, how the angel Gabriel saluted our blessed

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Lady with the title Full of Grace, and declared unto her the incarnation our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. (Then say, Our Father, once ; Hail Mary, ten times ; Glory be to the Father, &c., once.)

LET US PRAY.—O holy Mary, Queen of Virgins, by the most high mystery of the incarnation of thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by which our salvation was so happily begun ; obtain for us, by thy intercession, light to understand this great benefit which he has bestowed upon us, vouchsafing in it to make himself our brother, and thee, his own most beloved Mother, our mother also. Amen.

The Second Mystery—The Visitation.

THE MEDITATION.—Let us contemplate in this mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, understanding from the angel that her cousin, St. Elizabeth, had conceived, went with haste into the mountains of Judea to visit her, and remained with her three months. Our Father, &c.

LET US PRAY.—O holy Virgin, most spotless mirror of humility, by that exceeding charity which moved thee to visit thy holy cousin, St. Elizabeth, obtain for us, by thy intercession, that our hearts may be so visited by thy most holy Son, that being free from all sin, we may praise him and give him thanks for ever. Amen.

The Third Mystery—The Nativity.

THE MEDITATION.—Let us contemplate in this mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, when the time of her delivery was come, brought forth our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, at midnight, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for him in the inns at Bethlehem. Our Father, &c.

LET US PRAY.—O most pure Mother of God, by thy virginal and most joyful delivery, by which thou

gavest unto the world thy Son our Saviour; we beseech thee, obtain for us, by thy intercession, grace to lead lives so pure and holy in this world that we may be worthy to sing without ceasing, both day and night, the mercies of thy Son, and his benefits to us by thee. Amen.

The Fourth Mystery.—The Presentation.

THE MEDITATION.—Let us contemplate in this mystery, how the most Blessed Virgin Mary, on the day of her purification, presented the child Jesus in the temple, where holy Simeon, giving thanks to God, with great devotion received him into his arms. Our Father, &c.

LET US PRAY—O holy Virgin, admirable mistress and pattern of obedience, who didst present in the temple the Lord of the temple, obtain for us of thy beloved Son, that with holy Simeon and devout Anne we may praise and give him thanks for ever. Amen.

The Fifth Mystery.—The Finding in the Temple.

THE MEDITATION.—Let us contemplate in this mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, having lost her beloved Son, when twelve years old, in Jerusalem, sought him for the space of three days, and at length found him the fourth day in the temple, in the midst of the doctors, disputing with them. Our Father, &c.

LET US PRAY.—Most Blessed Virgin, more than martyr in thy sufferings, and yet the comfort of such as are afflicted; by that unspeakable joy wherewith thy soul was ravished in finding thy beloved Son in the temple, in the midst of the doctors, disputing with them: obtain of him for us so to seek him and to find him in the holy Catholic Church, that we may never be separated from him. Amen.

SALVE REGINA.

Hail ! holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our Life, our Sweetness, and our Hope, to thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve ; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears ; turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this, our exile, show to us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus ; O clement, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY—Hear, O merciful God, the prayers of thy servants, that we, who meet together in the society of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mother of God, may, through her intercession, be delivered by thee from the dangers that continually hang over us. Amen.

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life ; grant, we beseech thee, that meditating upon those mysteries, in the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise : through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

[The Dolorous or Sorrowful Mysteries, for Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the Year, and the Sundays in Lent.]

The First Mystery.—The Prayer and Bloody Sweat of our Blessed Saviour in the Garden.

THE MEDITATION.—Let us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus was so afflicted for us in the garden of Gethsemane, that his body was bathed in a bloody sweat, which ran trickling down in great drops to the ground.

Our Father, &c., once ; Hail Mary, &c., ten times ; Glory be to the Father, &c., once.

LET US PRAY.—Most holy Virgin, more than martyr, by that ardent prayer which thy beloved Son poured forth unto his Father in the garden, vouchsafe to intercede for us, that our passions being reduced to the obedience of reason, we may always and in all things conform and subject ourselves to the will of God. Amen.

The Second Mystery.—The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar.

THE MEDITATION.—Let us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ was most cruelly scourged in Pilate's house, the number of stripes they gave him being above five thousand, as it was revealed to St. Bridget. Our Father, &c.

LET US PRAY.—O Mother of God, overflowing fountain of patience, by those stripes thy only and most beloved Son vouchsafed to suffer for us, obtain of him for us grace, that we may know how to mortify our rebellious senses, and cut off all occasions of sinning, with that sword of grief and compassion which pierced thy most tender soul. Amen.

The Third Mystery.—The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns.

THE MEDITATION.—Let us contemplate in this mystery, how those cruel ministers of Satan platted a crown of sharp thorns, and most cruelly pressed it on the sacred head of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Father, &c.

LET US PRAY.—O Mother of our Eternal Prince and King of Glory, by those sharp thorns wherewith his most holy head was pierced, we beseech thee, that by thy intercession, we may be delivered here from all motions of pride, and in the day of judgment from that confusion which our sins deserve. Amen.

Fourth Mystery.—Jesus Carrying his Cross.

THE MEDITATION.—Let us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ (being sentenced

to die) bore with great patience the Cross which was laid upon him for his greater torment and ignominy. Our Father, &c.

LET US PRAY.—O holy Virgin, example of patience, by the most painful carrying of the Cross, on which thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, bore the heavy weight of our sins, obtain for us of him by thy intercession, courage and strength to follow his steps, and bear the Cross after him to the end of our lives. Amen.

The Fifth Mystery.—The Crucifixion.

THE MEDITATION.—Let us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, being come to Mount Calvary, was stripped of his clothes, and his hands and feet most cruelly nailed to the Cross in the presence of his most afflicted Mother. Our Father, &c.

LET US PRAY.—Holy Mary, Mother of God, as the body of thy beloved Son was for us extended on the Cross, so may our desires be daily more and more stretched out in his service, and our hearts wounded with compassion for his most bitter passion; and do thou, O most Blessed Virgin, vouchsafe to negotiate for and with us the work of our salvation by thy powerful intercession. Amen.

Hail, holy Queen, &c., with the verse and prayer as before.

[The Glorious Mysteries, for Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the year, and Sundays after Easter until Advent.]

The First Mystery.—The Resurrection.

THE MEDITATION.—Let us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, triumphing over death, rose again the third day immortal and impassible.

Our Father, &c., once; Hail Mary, &c., ten times; Glory be to the Father, &c., once.

LET US PRAY.—O glorious Virgin Mary, by the

unspeakable joy thou didst receive in the resurrection of thy only beloved Son, we beseech thee, obtain of him, for us, that our hearts may never go astray after the false joys of this world, but may be ever and wholly employed in pursuit of the only true and solid joys of heaven. Amen.

The Second Mystery.—The Ascension.

THE MEDITATION.—Let us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, forty days after his resurrection, ascended into heaven, attended by angels, in sight of his most holy Mother, and his apostles and disciples, to the great admiration of them all. Our Father, &c.

LET US PRAY.—O Mother of God, comfort of the afflicted, as thy beloved Son, when he ascended into heaven, lifted up his hands and blessed his apostles, so vouchsafe, most holy Mother, to lift up thy pure hands to him for us, that we may enjoy the benefit of his blessing here on earth, and hereafter in heaven. Amen.

The Third Mystery.—The Descent of the Holy Ghost.

THE MEDITATION.—Let us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, being seated on the right hand of God, sent (as he had promised) the Holy Ghost upon his apostles, who, after he ascended, returning to Jerusalem, continued in prayer and supplication with the Blessed Virgin Mary, expecting the performance of his promise. Our Father, &c.

LET US PRAY.—O Sacred Virgin, tabernacle of the Holy Ghost, we beseech thee, obtain by thy intercession, that this most sweet Comforter, whom thy beloved Son sent down upon his apostles, filling them thereby with spiritual joy, may teach us in this world the true way of salvation, and make us walk in the paths of virtue and good works. Amen.

The Fourth Mystery.—The Assumption.

THE MEDITATION.—Let us contemplate in this mystery, how the glorious Virgin, twelve years after the resurrection of her Son, passed out of this world unto him, and was by him assumed into heaven, accompanied by the holy angels. Our Father, &c.

Let us pray.

O most prudent Virgin, who entering into the heavenly palace, didst fill the holy angels with joy, and man with hope, vouchsafe to intercede for us in the hour of our death, that being free from the illusions and temptations of the devil, we may joyfully and securely pass out of this temporal state to enjoy the happiness of eternal life. Amen.

The Fifth Mystery.—The Crowning of the Blessed Virgin.

THE MEDITATION.—Let us contemplate in this mystery, how the glorious Virgin Mary was, with great jubilee and exultation of the whole court of heaven, and particular glory of all the saints, crowned by her Son with the brightest diadem of glory. Our Father, &c.

Let us pray.

O glorious Queen of all the heavenly citizens, we beseech thee accept this Rosary, which, as a crown of roses, we offer at thy feet; and grant, most gracious Lady, that by thy intercession, our souls may be inflamed with so ardent a desire of seeing thee so gloriously crowned, that it may never die in us, until it shall be changed into the happy fruition of thy blessed sight. Amen.

Hail, holy Queen, &c., with the verse and prayer as before.

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Remember, O most pious Virgin Mary, that it has never, at any time, been heard that anyone having recourse to thy protection, imploring thy aid, seeking thy intercession, was left unassisted. Animated by such confidence, I run to thee, O Virgin of Virgins and Mother; I come to thee, and present myself, a weeping sinner, before thee. O Mother of the Word, despise not my petition, but hear it propitiously, and accede to it. Amen.

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Hail, Mary, &c.

Prefect. O Lord, open thou my lips.

All. And my mouth shall declare thy praise.

P. Incline unto my aid, O God.

A. O Lord, make haste to help me.

P. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. **A.** As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia: *or* Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

Invitatory.

P. Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

A. Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Psalm 94.

P. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, let us joyfully cry out to God our Saviour; let us present ourselves before him, to celebrate his praises, and to sing with joy canticles unto him.

A. Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

P. Because God is a mighty Lord and a great King above all Gods ; for the Lord will not reject his people ; in his hands are all the bounds of the earth, and he looks down on the heights of the mountains.

A. The Lord is with thee.

P. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands framed the earth ; come then let us adore, and fall prostrate before God, let us weep in the presence of the Lord who made us, because he is the Lord our God ; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

A. Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

P. If this day you should hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as you did when you provoked him on the day you offended him in the desert ; where your fathers tempted me, they tried, and saw my works.

A. The Lord is with thee.

P. I was forty years with the race of men, and said : The hearts of this people are always wandering : but they have not known my ways ; and I swore to them in my wrath, that they should not enter my abode of rest.

A. Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

P. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

A. The Lord is with thee.

P. Hail, Mary, full of grace.

A. The Lord is with thee.

Hymn.

P. The Sov'reign God, whose hands sustain
The globe of heav'n, the earth and main,
Ador'd and praised by each degree,
Lies hid, O sacred Maid, in thee.

A. He, whom the sun and moon obey,
To whom all creatures homage pay,
The Judge of men and angel's doom,
Resides within thy virgin womb.

P. O happy parent, chose to bear
Thy Maker's co-eternal heir ;
Whose fingers span this earth around,
Whose arms the whole creation bound.

A. The angel's voice pronounc'd thee blest,
The Holy Ghost on thee did rest ;
On us thou didst bestow by birth
The most desired of heav'n and earth.

P. To thee, O Jesus, Mary's Son,
Be everlasting homage done ;
To God the Father we repeat
The same, and to the Paraclete.

A. Amen.

¶ The three following Psalms are said on Sundays, Mondays, and Thursdays, at the Nocturn. These Psalms are said in alternate choirs.

Reader I. *Anthem.* Blessed art thou.

Psalm 8.

O Lord our Lord, how admirable is thy name in the whole earth.

For thy magnificence is elevated above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of infants and of sucklings thou hast perfected praise, because of thy enemies, that thou mayst destroy the enemy and the avenger.

For I will behold thy heavens, the works of thy fingers: the moon and the stars which thou hast founded.

What is man that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that thou visitest him?

Thou hast made him a little less than the angels, thou hast crowned him with glory and honour: and hast set him over the works of thy hands.

Thou hast subjected all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen: moreover the beasts also of the fields.

The birds of the air, and the fishes of the sea, that pass through the paths of the sea.

O Lord our Lord, how admirable is thy name in all the earth!

Glory be to the Father.

Reader I. Anthem. Blessed art thou among women; and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

Reader II. Anthem. Like choice myrrh.

Psalm 18.

The heavens shew forth the glory of God, and the firmament declareth the work of his hands.

Day to day uttereth speech, and night to night sheweth knowledge.

There are no speeches nor languages, where their voices are not heard.

Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth: and their words unto the ends of the world.

He hath set his tabernacle in the sun: and he as a bridegroom coming out of his bride-chamber,

Hath rejoiced as a giant to run the way. His going out is from the end of heaven,

And his circuit even to the end thereof: and there is no one that can hide himself from his heat.

The law of the Lord is unspotted, converting souls: the testimony of the Lord is faithful, giving wisdom to little ones.

The justices of the Lord are right, rejoicing hearts: the commandment of the Lord is lightsome, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy, enduring for ever and ever: the judgments of the Lord are true, justified in themselves.

More to be desired than gold and many precious stones: and sweeter than honey and the honey-comb.

For thy servant keepeth them, *and* in keeping them there is a great reward.

Who can understand sins? from my secret ones cleanse me, O Lord: and from those of others spare thy servant.

If they shall have no dominion over me, then shall I be without spot: and I shall be cleansed from the greatest sin.

And the words of my mouth shall be such as may please: and the meditation of my heart always in thy sight.

O Lord, my helper, and my redeemer.

Glory be to the Father.

Reader I. Anthem. Like choice myrrh, thou hast rendered a most fragrant odour, O holy Mother of God.

Reader II. Anthem. In honour of this most chaste virgin.

Psalm 23.

The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof: the world, and all they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas; and hath prepared it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend into the mountain of the Lord: or who shall stand in his holy place?

The innocent in hands, and clean of heart, who hath not taken his soul in vain, nor sworn deceitfully to his neighbour.

He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, and mercy from God his Saviour.

This is the generation of them that seek him, of them that seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your gates, O ye princes, and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates: and the King of Glory shall enter in.

Who is this King of Glory? the Lord who is strong and mighty: the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your gates, O ye princes, and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates: and the King of Glory shall enter in.

Who is the King of Glory? the Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory.

Glory be to the Father.

Reader I. Anthem. In honour of this most chaste virgin, let us sing canticles with sweet harmony.

P. Grace is spread on thy lips. **A.** Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

Our Father.

The Absolution, Benedictions, Lessons, and Responses, are set down below after the Psalms, p. 116.

The three following Psalms are said on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Nocturn:—

Reader I. Anthem. In thy comeliness.

Psalm 44.

My heart hath uttered a good word: I speak my works to the king:

My tongue is the pen of a scrivener that writeth swiftly.

Thou art beautiful above the sons of men: grace is poured abroad in thy lips; therefore hath God blessed thee for ever.

Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou most mighty.

With thy comeliness and thy beauty set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

Because of truth and meekness and justice: and thy right hand shall conduct thee wonderfully.

Thy arrows are sharp: under thee shall people fall, into the hearts of the king's enemies.

Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a sceptre of uprightness.

Thou hast loved justice, and hatedst iniquity: therefore God, thy God hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Myrrh and stacte and cassia perfume thy garments, from the ivory houses: out of which the daughters of kings have delighted thee in thy glory.

The queen stood on thy right hand, in gilded clothing; surrounded with variety.

Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thy ear: and forget thy people and thy father's house.

And the king shall greatly desire thy beauty: for he is the Lord thy God, and him they shall adore.

And the daughters of Tyre with gifts, *yea*, all the rich among the people, shall entreat thy countenance.

All the glory of the king's daughter is within in golden borders, clothed round about with varieties.

After her shall virgins be brought to the king: her neighbours shall be brought to thee.

They shall be brought with gladness and rejoicing: they shall be brought into the temple of the king.

Instead of thy fathers, sons are born to thee: thou shalt make them princes over all the earth.

They shall remember thy name throughout all generations.

Therefore shall people praise thee for ever, *yea* for ever and ever.

Glory be to the Father.

Reader I. Anthem. In thy comeliness and thy beauty, go on, proceed prosperously, and reign.

Reader II. Anthem. God will assist her.

Psalm 45.

Our God is our refuge and strength: a helper in troubles, which have found us exceedingly.

Therefore we will not fear, when the earth shall be troubled; and the mountains shall be removed into the heart of the sea.

Their waters roared and were troubled: the mountains were troubled with his strength.

The stream of the river maketh the city of God joyful: the most High hath sanctified his own tabernacle.

God is in the midst thereof, it shall not be removed: God will help it in the morning early.

Nations were troubled, and kingdoms were bowed down: he uttered his voice, the earth trembled.

The Lord of armies is with us: the God of Jacob is our protector.

Come and behold ye the works of the Lord: what wonders he hath done upon earth, making wars to cease even to the end of the earth.

He shall destroy the bow, and break the weapons: and the shield he shall burn in the fire.

Be still and see that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of armies is with us: the God of Jacob is our protector.

Glory be to the Father.

Reader I. *Anthem.* God will assist her with his presence. God is in the midst of her, she shall not be disturbed.

Reader II. *Anthem.* All shall truly rejoice.

Psalm 86.

The foundations thereof *are* in the holy mountains:

The Lord loveth the gates of Sion above all the tabernacles of Jacob.

Glorious things are said of thee, O city of God.

I will be mindful of Rahab and of Babylon knowing me.

Behold the foreigners and Tyre, and the people of the Ethiopians, these were there.

Shall not Sion say: *This* man and *that* man is born in her? and the Highest himself hath founded her.

The Lord shall tell in *his* writings of peoples and of princes, of them that have been in her.

The dwelling in thee is as it were of all rejoicing.

Glory be to the Father.

Reader I. Anthem. We all shall truly rejoice, if we are constantly devoted to thee, O holy Mother of God.

V. Grace is spread on thy lips. R. Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

Our Father.

The Absolution, Benedictions, Lessons, and Responsories, are set down below, after the Psalms, p. 116.

The three following Psalms are said on Wednesdays and Saturdays at the Nocturn:—

Reader I. Anthem. Rejoice, O Virgin Mary.

Psalm 95.

Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle: sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing ye to the Lord and bless his name: shew forth his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the Gentiles: his wonders among all people.

For the Lord is great, and exceedingly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the Gentiles are devils: but the Lord made the heavens.

Praise and beauty are before him: holiness and majesty in his sanctuary.

Bring ye to the Lord, O ye kindreds of the Gentiles,

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bring ye to the Lord glory and honour: bring to the Lord glory unto his name.

Bring up sacrifices, and come into his courts: adore ye the Lord in his holy court.

Let all the earth be moved at his presence. Say ye among the Gentiles, the Lord hath reigned.

For he hath corrected the world, which shall not be moved: he will judge the people with justice.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad, let the sea be moved, and the fulness thereof: the fields, and all things that are in them shall be joyful.

Then shall all the trees of the woods rejoice before the face of the Lord, because he cometh: because he cometh to judge the earth.

He shall judge the world with justice, and the people with his truth.

Glory be to the Father.

Reader I. Anthem. Rejoice, O Virgin Mary, thou alone hast rendered the Church triumphant over all the heresies spread through the earth.

Reader II. Anthem. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee.

Psalm 96.

The Lord hath reigned, let the earth rejoice: let many islands be glad.

Clouds and darkness *are* round about him: justice and judgments *are* the establishment of his throne.

A fire shall go before him, and shall burn his enemies round about.

His lightnings have shone forth to the world: the earth saw and trembled.

The mountains melted like wax, at the presence of the Lord: at the presence of the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens declared his justice: and all people saw his glory.

Let them be all confounded that adore graven things, and that glory in their idols.

Adore him, all you his Angels : Sion heard, and was glad.

And the daughters of Juda rejoiced, because of thy judgments, O Lord.

For thou art the most high Lord over all the earth : thou art exalted exceedingly above all gods.

You that love the Lord, hate evil : the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints, he will deliver them out of the hand of the sinner.

Light is risen to the just, and joy to the right of heart.

Rejoice, ye just, in the Lord : and give praise to the remembrance of his holiness.

Glory be to the Father.

Reader I. *Anthem.* Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O sacred Virgin ; obtain for me strength against thy enemies.

Reader II. (*Through the year.*) *Anthem.* After thy childbirth.

(*In Advent*) *Anthem.* The Angel of the Lord.

Psalm 97.

Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle : because he hath done wonderful things.

His right hand hath wrought for him salvation, and his arm is holy.

The Lord hath made known his salvation : he hath revealed his justice in the sight of the Gentiles.

He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Sing joyfully to God, all the earth : make melody, rejoice and sing.

Sing praise to the Lord on the harp, on the harp,

and with the voice of a psalm : with long trumpets, and sound of cornet.

Make a joyful noise before the Lord our king : let the sea be moved and the fulness thereof : the world and they that dwell therein.

The rivers shall clap their hands, the mountains shall rejoice together at the presence of the Lord : because he cometh to judge the earth.

He shall judge the world with justice, and the people with equity.

Glory be to the Father.

(Through the year) Anthem. After thy childbirth thou didst remain an inviolate virgin, O Mother of God, make intercession for us.

Reader I. *(In Advent) Anthem.* The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Ghost, alleluia.

P. Grace is spread on thy lips. **A.** Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

P. Our Father. *In silence.*

P. And lead us not into temptation. **A.** But deliver us from evil.

P. *Absolution.*

By the prayers and merits of the ever blessed Virgin Mary, and of all the saints, may the Lord bring us to the kingdom of heaven. **A.** Amen.

A. Pray, father, give me your blessing.

The Blessing. **P.** May the Virgin Mary obtain for us the blessing of her divine Son. **A.** Amen.

(These following Lessons are said throughout the year, except during Advent.)

Reader I. *The First Lesson. Eccl. 24.*

In all these I sought rest, and I shall dwell in the inheritance of the Lord. Then the Creator of all things commanded and said to me : He who hath created

me, reposed in my tabernacle, and said to me : Let thy dwelling be in Jacob, and thy inheritance in Israel, and take root among my elect. But thou, O Lord, have mercy on us.

A. Thanks be to God.

R. O holy and immaculate virginity, I know not with what praises to extol thy dignity : * Because whom the heavens could not contain, thou hast borne in thy womb.

A. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. **R.** Because whom the heavens could not contain, thou hast borne in thy womb.

A. Pray, father, give me your blessing.

P. *The Blessing.* May the Virgin of virgins make intercession for us to the Lord.

Reader II. *The Second Lesson.*

I was established in Sion, and have rested in the holy city, and my power was in Jerusalem. I settled myself among a people whom the Lord hath honoured, and hath chosen for his portion and inheritance, and have fixed my abode in the company of all the saints: But thou, O Lord, have mercy on us.

A. Thanks be to God.

Reader I. Blessed art thou, O Virgin Mary, who has borne the Lord, and Creator of the world : * Thou hast brought forth him who made thee, and remainest ever a virgin.

A. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Reader II. Thou hast brought forth him who made thee, and remainest ever a virgin.

When the Hymn Te Deum is said after the Third Lesson, the last verse of this Responsory is again repeated, thus :—

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the

Holy Ghost. **R.** Thou hast brought forth him who made thee, and remainest ever a virgin.

A. Pray, father, give me your blessing.

The Blessing. **P.** May the Lord, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother, grant us salvation and peace. **R.** Amen.

Reader II. *The Third Lesson.*

I am exalted like the cedar on Lebanon, and as the cypress tree on Mount Sion ; I have grown like the plane tree in Cades, and as the rose-plant in Jericho : I have flourished like a fair olive-tree in the fields, and as a palm-tree watered by the stream. I yielded forth a fragrant smell like cinnamon and aromatic balm : and, like the best myrrh, I spread around the sweetest odour. But thou, O Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Thanks be to God.

The following Responsory is omitted when the Hymn Te Deum is said :

R. Thou art truly happy, O sacred Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all praise : * Because out of thee is risen the Sun of righteousness, * Jesus Christ our God.

A. Pray for the people, intercede for the clergy, plead for the devout female sex ; let all be sensible of thy aid, who celebrate thy holy memory. **R.** Because of thee is risen the Sun of righteousness.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. **R.** Jesus Christ, our God.

The following Hymn may be said from the solemnity of Christmas to the Saturday before Septuagesima Sunday, and from the solemnity of Easter to the Saturday before the first Sunday of Advent.

When it is said, the Responsory of the third Lesson is omitted, and to the second Responsory the Glory be to

the Father is added, and the last Versicle repeated, as above marked. This Hymn is not said in Advent, and from Septuagesima Sunday to Easter Saturday, except on the occurring Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary, viz. : The Conception, 8th December ; the Expectation, 18th do. ; the Annunciation, 25th March ; the seven Dolours, Friday in Passion Week, and the Purification, 2nd of February, when it falls on or after Septuagesima Sunday.

TE DEUM.

The Hymn of St. Ambrose and St. Augustin.

We praise Thee, O God ; we acknowledge Thee to be our Lord.

Thee, the Father everlasting, all the earth doth worship.

To Thee the angels, to Thee the heavens, and the powers,

To Thee the Cherubim and Seraphim cry out without ceasing :

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth :

Full are the heavens and the earth of the majesty of Thy glory.

The glorious choir of the Apostles,

Thee the laudable company of the Prophets,

Thee the white-robed army of Martyrs doth praise,

Thee the holy Church throughout the world doth acknowledge.

The Father of incomprehensible Majesty,

The adorable true and only Son,

And the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete,

Thou, O Christ, art the King of glory.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

Thou being to take upon Thee to deliver man, didst not disdain the Virgin's womb :

Thou having overcome the sting of death, has opened to believers the kingdom of heaven.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

Thee we believe to be the Judge to come :

We beseech Thee, therefore, to help Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in eternal glory.

O Lord, save Thy people ; and bless Thy inheritance. And govern them, and exalt them for ever.

Every day we magnify Thee.

And we praise Thy name for ever and ever.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

Have mercy on us, O Lord ; have mercy on us.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have put our trust in Thee.

In Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust : let me not be confounded for ever.

V. Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

R. Let us praise and extol Him for ever.

Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies are without number, and the treasure of whose goodness is infinite, we give Thee thanks for the blessings Thou hast bestowed on us ; always beseeching Thy divine Majesty, that as Thou grantest what we ask, so Thou wouldst continue Thy favours to us in such a manner, that by them we may be prepared for receiving the rewards of eternal happiness. Through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, who, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth with Thee, &c. Amen.

¶ *The Lauds immediately follow, which are set down after the Lessons of Advent, p. 123.*

(*In Advent.*)

After the Psalms of the Nocturn, according to the order of the day, the following Prayers and Lessons are said:—

Our Father, &c., *in secret.*

V. And lead us not into temptation. R. But deliver us from evil.

Absolution. -

By the prayers and merits of the ever blessed Virgin Mary, and of all the saints, may the Lord bring us to the kingdom of heaven. R. Amen.

A. Pray, father, give me your blessing.

The Blessing. May the Virgin Mary obtain for us the blessing of her divine Son. R. Amen.

The First Lesson. Luke i.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Gallilee, called Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel having entered, said to her: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou, among women. But thou, O Lord, have mercy on us. A. Thanks be to God.

R. The angel Gabriel was sent to the Virgin Mary, espoused to Joseph, to announce to her the divine message: but the light of his countenance affrighted the sacred Virgin. Do not fear, Mary, thou hast found grace with the Lord: Behold, thou shalt conceive and bring forth a Son, who shall be called the Son of the Most High.

A. The Lord God shall give him the throne of his father David, and he shall eternally reign over the house of Jacob. R. Behold, thou shalt conceive, and

bring forth a Son, who shall be called the Son of the Most High.

A. Pray, father, give me your blessing.

Blessing. May the Virgin of virgins make intercession for us to the Lord. **R.** Amen.

The Second Lesson.

Mary having heard these words, was much troubled, and reflected on what kind of salutation this could be. And the angel said to her : Do not fear, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God : behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt bring forth a Son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High : the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he shall eternally reign over the house of Jacob, and of his kingdom there shall be no end. But thou, O Lord, have mercy on us. **A.** Thanks be to God.

R. Hail, Mary, full of grace : the Lord is with thee.* The Holy Ghost shall descend on thee, and the virtue of the Most High shall overshadow thee : for the Holy One, who will be born of thee, shall be called the Son of God.

A. How shall this be done, because I know not man? The angel answering, said to her : **R.** The Holy Ghost shall descend on thee, and the virtue of the Most High shall overshadow thee : for the Holy One who shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

A. Pray, father, give me your blessing.

Blessing. May the Lord, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother, grant us salvation and peace. **R.** Amen.

The Third Lesson.

Then Mary said to the angel : How shall this be done ; for I know not man? The angel answered

her : The Holy Ghost shall descend on thee, and the virtue of the Most High shall overshadow thee : therefore the Holy One, who will be born of thee, shall be called the Son of God. And behold thy cousin Elizabeth hath conceived a son in her old age : and this month is the sixth to her, who is called barren ; for with God nothing shall be impossible. Mary then replied : Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word. But thou, O Lord, have mercy on us. **A.** Thanks be to God.

R. Receive, O Virgin Mary, the word which the Lord declared to thee by the ministry of the angel : thou shalt conceive, and bring forth a Son who will be both God and man : * That thou mayest be called blessed among all women.

A. Thou shalt bring forth a Son, and shalt suffer no detriment in thy virginity : thou shalt become a mother, without ceasing to be a chaste virgin. **R.** That thou mayest be called blessed among all women.

A. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. **R.** That thou mayest be called blessed among all women.

On the Feasts of the Blessed Virgin, the 8th and 18th of December, the foregoing Hymn of Thanksgiving may be said : the last Responsory is omitted, the Glory be to the Father is added to the second Responsory, and the last Versicle is again repeated.

AT LAUDS.

Hail, Mary, &c.

V. INCLINE unto my aid, O God. R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

(*Through the year*) *Anthem.* Mary is taken up.

(*In Advent*) *Anthem.* The angel Gabriel was sent.

(*Christmas time*) *Anthem.* O admirable intercourse !

Psalm 92.

The Lord hath reigned, he is clothed with beauty : the Lord is clothed with strength, and hath girded himself.

For he hath established the world, which shall not be moved.

Thy throne is prepared from of old : thou art from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord : the floods have lifted up their voice.

The floods have lifted up their waves, with the noise of many waters.

Wonderful are the surges of the sea : wonderful is the Lord on high.

Thy testimonies are become exceedingly credible : holiness becometh thy house, O Lord, unto length of days.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

(*Through the year*) *Anthem.* Mary is taken up into heaven ; the angels rejoice in her glory, and with praises bless the Lord.

Anthem. The Virgin Mary.

(*In Advent*) *Anthem.* The angel Gabriel was sent to the Virgin Mary, espoused to Joseph.

Anthem. Hail, Mary.

(*Christmas time*) *Anthem.* O wonderful intercourse ! the Creator of mankind, assuming a body animated with a soul, was pleased to be born of a virgin : and becoming man, without human concurrence, he made us partakers of his divine nature.

Anthem. When thou wast born.

Psalm 99.

Sing joyfully to God, all the earth: serve ye the Lord with gladness.

Come in before his presence with exceeding great joy.

Know ye that the Lord he is God: he made us, and not we ourselves.

We are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Go ye into his gates with praise, into his courts with hymns: and give glory to him.

Praise ye his name: for the Lord is sweet, his mercy endureth for ever, and his truth to generation and generation.

Glory be to the Father.

(Through the year) Anthem. The Virgin Mary is taken up into the heavenly chamber, where the King of kings sits on his throne, brilliant with stars.

Anthem. We run after the odour.

(In Advent) Anthem. Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

Anthem. Fear not, Mary.

(Christmas time) Anthem. When thou wast born after an ineffable manner, the Scriptures were then fulfilled; thou didst descend like rain upon a fleece to save mankind: O our God, we give thee praise.

Anthem. In the bush which Moses saw.

Psalm 62.

O God my God, to thee do I watch at break of day.

For thee my soul hath thirsted: for thee my flesh,
O how many ways!

In a desert land, and where there is no way, and no water: so in the sanctuary have I come before thee, to see thy power and thy glory.

For thy mercy is better than lives : thee my lips shall praise.

Thus will I bless thee *all* my life] long : and in thy name I will lift up my hands.

Let my soul be filled as with marrow and fatness : and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips.

If I have remembered thee upon my bed, I will meditate on thee in the morning ; because thou hast been my helper.

And I will rejoice under the covert of thy wings : my soul hath stuck close to thee : thy right hand hath received me.

But they have sought my soul in vain, they shall go into the lower parts of the earth :

They shall be delivered into the hands of the sword, they shall be the portions of foxes.

But the king shall rejoice in God, all they shall be praised that swear by him : because the mouth is stopped of them that speak wicked things.

The Glory be to the Father, &c., is not said here.

Psalm 66.

May God have mercy on us, and bless us : may he cause the light of his countenance to shine upon us, and may he have mercy on us.

That we may know thy way upon earth : thy salvation in all nations.

Let people confess to thee, O God : let all people give praise to thee.

Let the nations be glad and rejoice : for thou judgest the people with justice, and directest the nations upon earth.

Let the people, O God, confess to thee : let all the people give praise to thee : the earth hath yielded her fruit.

May God, our God bless us, may God bless us : and all the ends of the earth fear him.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

(*Through the year*) *Anthem.* We run after the odour of thy perfumes : the young virgins have exceedingly loved thee.

Anthem. Thou art blessed, O daughter.

(*In Advent*) *Anthem.* Do not fear, Mary, thou hast found grace with the Lord : behold, thou shalt conceive, and bring forth a Son.

Anthem. The Lord will give.

(*Christmas time*) *Anthem.* In the bush, which Moses saw burning without consuming, we acknowledge the preservation of thy admirable virginity : O Mother of God, make intercession for us.

Anthem. The root of Jesse hath budded forth.

Canticle of the three Children. Dan. 3.

ALL ye works of the Lord, bless the Lord : * praise and extol him for ever.

Bless the Lord, ye angels of the Lord : * ye heavens, bless the Lord.

All ye waters which lie suspended on the firmament, bless the Lord : * bless the Lord, all ye powers of the Lord.

Sun and moon, bless the Lord : * stars of the firmament, bless the Lord.

Every shower and dew, bless the Lord : * all ye tempestuous winds, bless the Lord.

Fire and heat, bless the Lord : * cold and heat, bless the Lord.

Dews and hoar-frosts, bless the Lord : * frosts and cold, bless the Lord.

Ice and snow, bless the Lord : * nights and days, bless the Lord.

Light and darkness, bless the Lord : * lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.

May the earth bless the Lord : * may it praise and extol him for ever.

Mountains and hills, bless the Lord : * herbs and plants, bless the Lord.

Ye fountains, bless the Lord : * seas and rivers, bless the Lord.

Whales, and all ye creatures which live in the waters, bless the Lord : * all ye birds of the air, bless the Lord.

All beasts and cattle, bless the Lord : * ye children of men, bless the Lord.

May Israel bless the Lord : * may he praise and extol him for ever.

Ye priests of the Lord, bless the Lord : * ye servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.

Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord : * ye holy and humble of heart, bless the Lord.

O Ananias, Azarias, Misael, bless ye the Lord ; * praise and extol him for ever.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, with the Holy Ghost : * let us praise and glorify him for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven : * to thee be rendered all praise, honour, and glory for ever.

The Glory be to the Father, &c., is not said here.

(Through the year) Anthem. Thou art blessed by the Lord, O daughter, for through thee we have been made partakers of the fruit of life.

Anthem. Thou art fair and beautiful.

(In Advent) Anthem. The Lord will give him the throne of David, his father, and he shall reign for ever.

Anthem. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

(Christmas time) Anthem. The root of Jesse hath budded forth : a star hath risen out of Jacob : a virgin hath brought forth the Saviour : we give thee praise, O our God.

Anthem. Behold Mary hath borne.

Psalm 148.

Praise the Lord from the heavens : * praise him in the high places,

Praise him, all ye his angels : * praise ye him, all his hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon : * praise him, all ye stars and light.

Praise him, O heaven of heavens ! * and may the waters, that are over the firmament, praise the name of the Lord.

For he hath spoken the word, and all things were made : * he hath commanded, and they were created.

He hath established his works for length of ages ; * he prescribed to them his wise regulations, which shall not be transgressed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, * ye dragons, and all ye depths.

Fire, hail, snow, ice, and stormy winds : * which obey his orders.

Mountains, and all hills : * fruit-bearing trees, and all cedars.

Beasts, and herds of cattle : * reptiles and birds of the air.

Kings of the earth, and all ye people : * princes and judges of the earth.

Young men and maidens : the old with the young, let them praise the name of the Lord : * for his name alone is most worthy of all praise.

His praise is above heaven and earth, * and he hath exalted the power of his people.

May hymns of praise be rendered to him by all his saints : * by the children of Israel, his cherished people.

The Glory be to the Father, &c., is not said here.

Psalm 149.

Sing to the Lord a new canticle : * may his praises resound in the assembly of the saints.

May Israel rejoice in the God who made him : * may the sons of Sion exult in their king.

May they celebrate his name in choir : * and honour him by concert on the timbrel and the psaltery.

For the Lord is well pleased with his people : * and he will exalt the meek unto salvation.

The saints in glory shall be filled with joy : * they shall rejoice on their couches.

Sublime praises of God are in their mouths : * and two-edged swords in their hands.

To execute vengeance on the nations, * and chastisement on the people.

To bind their kings with fetters, * and their nobles with iron manacles.

They shall thus exercise the decreed justice : * this glory is reserved for all his saints.

The Glory be to the Father, &c., is not said here.

Psalm 150.

Praise the Lord in his sanctuary : * praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him in his mighty deeds : * praise him according to his exceeding greatness.

Praise him with the sound of trumpet : * praise him on psaltery and harp.

Praise him on the timbrel and in the choir : * praise him on stringed instruments and on the organ.

Praise him with best sounding cymbals, praise him on instruments of jubilee : * may every living creature praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

(Through the year) Anthem. Thou art fair and

beautiful, O daughter of Jerusalem, formidable as an army in battle array.

(*In Advent*) *Anthem.* Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to thy word.

(*Christmas time*) *Anthem.* Behold, Mary hath born to us the Saviour, who John seeing, cried out : Behold the Lamb of God, behold him, who taketh away the sins of the world, alleluia.

(*The Little Chapter through the year except in Advent.*)

Little Chapter, Cant. 6.

P. The daughters of Sion beheld her, and declared her most blessed, and queens have highly praised her.

R. Thanks be to God.

(*In Advent.*)

Little Chapter, Isa. 11.

There shall spring forth a branch out of the root of Jesse, and a flower shall arise out of its stock : and the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him. R. Thanks be to God.

Hymn.

O MARY ! whilst thy Maker blest
Is nourish'd at thy virgin breast,
Such glory shines, that stars, though bright,
Compar'd to thee, all lose their light.
The loss that man in Eve deplores,
Thy fruitful womb in Christ restores,
And makes the way to heaven free
To those, who mourning, follow thee.
By thee the heav'nly gates display,
And show the light of endless day :
Sing, ransom'd nations, sing and own,
Your ransom was a Virgin's Son.

To thee, O Jesus, Mary's Son,
 Be everlasting homage done,
 To God, the Father, we repeat
 The same, and to the Paraclete. Amen.

V. Blessed art thou among women. R. And
 blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

(*Through the year*) *Anthem.* O Blessed Mary,
 Mother of God.

(*In Easter time*) *Anthem.* O Queen of Heaven.

(*In Advent*) *Anthem.* The Holy Ghost.

(*Christmas time*) *Anthem.* O wonderful mystery.

Canticle of Zachary. Luke i.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel ; * because
 he hath visited, and effected the redemption of his
 people.

And he hath raised up a powerful Saviour for us, *
 in the house of David, his servant.

As he promised by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
 from the beginning :

To save us from our enemies, * and from the hands
 of all who hate us :

To communicate his mercy to us, as well as to our
 fathers ; * and to recal to mind the holy covenant,
 made to them.

The oath, which he hath sworn to our father
 Abraham, * that he would grant us the grace,

That, being rescued from the fear and power of our
 enemies, we may serve him,

In holiness and righteousness in his presence, * all
 the days of our lives.

And thou, O child, shalt be called the prophet
 of the Most High : * for thou shalt go before the face
 of the Lord to prepare his ways :

To give his people the knowledge of salvation : *
unto the remission of their sins.

Through the bowels of the mercy of our God : *
with which he, like the rising sun from on high, hath
visited us.

To give light to those who sit in darkness, and in
the shade of death : * to guide our feet unto the ways
of peace.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

(*Through the year*) *Anthem.* O blessed Mary,
Mother of God, and ever Virgin, Temple of the Lord,
and Sanctuary of the Holy Ghost, thou alone didst
please our Lord Jesus Christ in a most singular and
perfect manner ; pray for the people, plead for the
clergy, and intercede for the devout female sex.

(*Easter time*) *Anthem.* O Queen of Heaven, re-
joice, alleluia, because He whom thou didst deserve
to bear, alleluia, is risen again, as he foretold, alleluia ;
pray for us to God, alleluia.

(*In Advent*) *Anthem.* The Holy Ghost shall
come upon thee, Mary, do not fear, thou shalt have
in thy womb the Son of God, alleluia.

(*Christmas time*) *Anthem.* A most sublime mystery
is made manifest on this day ; wonders are wrought
in nature : God is made man : still remaining what he
was : he assumed what he was not ; he suffered no
mixture, nor division.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on
us. Lord, have mercy on us.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Or, if the President be a Priest or Deacon.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The prayer through the year except at Christmas time.

O God, who wast pleased that thy eternal Word, when the angel delivered his message, should take flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary : give ear to our humble petitions, and grant that we, who believe her to be truly the Mother of God, may be assisted by her prayers. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*Christmas time.*) O God, who by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary, hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation, grant, we beseech thee, that we may experience her intercession for us, by whom we deserved to receive the Author of Life, our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son.

R. Amen.

COMMEMORATION OF THE SAINTS.

(*Through the Year, except in Advent.*)

Anthem. All ye saints of God, vouchsafe to make intercession for the salvation of us, and of all mankind.

V. Rejoice in the Lord, ye just, and be exceedingly glad.

R. And exult in glory, all ye upright of heart.

Let us pray.

Protect, O Lord, thy people, and grant us thy continual assistance, which we humbly beg with confidence, through the intercession of St. Peter and St. Paul, and of thy other apostles.

May all thy saints, we beseech thee, O Lord, always assist our weakness, that whilst we celebrate their merits, we may experience their protection ; grant us thy peace in our days, and banish all evils from thy Church : prosperously guide the steps,

actions, and desires of us, and of all thy servants, in the way of salvation : give eternal blessings to our benefactors, and grant everlasting rest to all the faithful departed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee, and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

R. Amen.

(Commemoration of the Saints in Advent.)

Anthem. Behold, the Lord will come, and all his saints with him : and there shall be a great light on that day, alleluia.

V. Behold, the Lord shall appear on a bright cloud.

R. And with him thousands of saints.

Let us pray.

Visit and purify our consciences, O Lord, that Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, coming with all his saints, may find in us an abode prepared for his reception : who liveth and reigneth with thee, and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. R. Amen.

After the commemoration for the Saints, the following Versicles are said :—

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Our Father, &c. *In silence.*

V. May the Lord grant us his peace.

R. And life everlasting. Amen.

Then is recited one of the following Anthems of the Blessed Virgin, according to the time of the Year.

The Anthem from Vespers of Saturday before the first Sunday of Advent, till Complin on the Feast of the Purification, 2nd of February.

Mother of Jesus, heaven's open gate,
Star of the Sea, support the falling state
Of mortals : thou, whose womb the Maker bore,
And yet, O strange ! a virgin as before :
Who didst from Gabriel's hail the news receive,
Repenting sinners by thy prayers relieve.

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace unto our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection : Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

From Vigil of Christmas the above Versicle and Prayer are changed, thus :—

V. After child-birth thou didst remain a pure virgin.

R. O Mother of God, intercede for us.

Let us pray.

O God, who by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary, hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation, grant, we beseech thee, that we may experience her intercession, by whom we receive the Author of Life, our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son. Amen.

The Anthem from Complin on the Feast of the Purification, inclusively, till None on Holy Saturday.

Hail, Mary, Queen of heavenly spheres,
 Hail, whom th' angelic host reveres !
 Hail, fruitful root ! Hail, sacred gate,
 From whom our light derives its date.
 O glorious Maid, with beauty blest !
 May joys eternal fill thy breast !
 Thus crowned with beauty and with joy,
 Thy prayers for us with Christ employ.

V. Vouchsafe, O sacred Virgin, to accept my praises.

R. Give me strength against Thy enemies.

Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, strength against all our weakness ; that we, who celebrate the memory of the holy Mother of God, may, by the help of her intercession, rise again from our iniquities : Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Anthem from Vespers on Holy Saturday till None on Saturday in Whitsun-week.

Rejoice, O Queen of Heaven, to see, alleluia.

The Sacred Infant born of thee, alleluia.

Return in glory from the tomb, alleluia.

And with thy prayers prevent our doom, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and exult, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who by the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to fill the world with joy ; grant, we beseech thee, that by the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may

receive the joys of eternal life : Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Anthem from Vespers on the Eve of the Most Holy Trinity till None on Saturday before the first Sunday of Advent.

Hail, happy Queen, thou mercy's parent, hail !
Life, hope, and comfort of this earthly vale,
To thee we, Eva's wretched children, cry,
In sighs and tears to thee we suppliants fly.
Rise, glorious advocate, exert thy love,
And let our vows those eyes of pity move.
O pious Virgin Mary, grant that we,
Long exiled, may in heaven thy Jesus see.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O Almighty and eternal God, who, by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mary, that she might become a habitation worthy of thy Son ; grant that, as with joy we celebrate her memory, so by her pious intercession we may be delivered from present evils and eternal death : Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Devotion to St. Joseph.

The Rosary of St. Joseph consists in saying, on the ordinary beads, three or five decades of the following prayer, with a Gloria Patri on each large bead.

SHORT PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH.

Illustrious St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus and Mary, be our guardian now and for ever, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Devotion to our good Angel Guardian.

To say the Rosary of the good Angel, repeat three or five decades, on an ordinary beads, of the prayer, "O Angel of God," p. 14, and say a Gloria Patri on each large bead.

The Litany and Prayers

Recommended to be said in Catholic Families every Evening.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

O God, the Father of Heaven, *Have mercy upon us.*

O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy upon us.*

O God, the Holy Ghost, *Have mercy upon us.*

O Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy upon us.*

Holy Mary, St. Laurence,

Holy Mother of God, St. Vincent,

Holy Virgin of Virgins, SS. Fabian and Sebas-

St. Michael, tian,

St. Gabriel, SS. John and Paul,

St. Raphael, SS. Cosmas & Damian,

All ye holy Angels and SS. Gervase & Protase,

Archangels, All ye holy Martyrs,

All ye holy Orders of St. Silvester,

blessed Spirits, St. Gregory,

St. John Baptist, St. Ambrose,

St. Joseph, St. Augustine,

Pray for us.

All ye holy Patriarchs	St. Jerome,	} <i>Pray for us.</i>
and Prophets,	St. Martin,	
St. Peter,	St. Nicholas,	
St. Paul,	St. Patrick,	
St. Andrew,	All ye holy Bishops and	
St. James,	Confessors,	
St. John,	All ye holy Doctors,	
St. Thomas,	St. Anthony,	
St. James,	St. Benedict,	
St. Philip,	St. Bernard,	
St. Bartholomew,	St. Dominick,	
St. Matthew,	St. Francis,	
St. Simon,	All ye holy Priests and	
St. Thaddeus,	Levites,	
St. Matthias,	All ye holy Monks and	
St. Barnaby,	Hermits,	
St. Luke,	St. Mary Magdalen,	
St. Mark,	St. Agatha,	
All ye holy Apostles and	St. Lucy,	
Evangelists,	St. Agnes,	
All ye holy Disciples of	St. Cecily,	
our Lord,	St. Catherine,	
All ye holy Innocents,	St. Anastasia,	
St. Stephen,	St. Bridget,	
All ye holy virgins and widows,	<i>Pray for us.</i>	
All ye men and women, saints of God,	<i>Make interces-</i>	
<i>sion for us.</i>		

Be merciful unto us, *Spare us, O Lord.*

Be merciful unto us, *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

From all evil,

From all sin,

From thy wrath,

From sudden and unprovided death,

From the deceits of the Devil,

From anger, hatred, and all ill-will,

From the spirit of fornication,

From lightning and tempest,

} *O Lord, deliver us.*

From everlasting death,
 Through the mystery of thy holy incarnation,
 Through thy coming,
 Through thy nativity,
 Through thy baptism and holy fasting,
 Through thy cross and passion,
 Through thy death and burial,
 Through thy holy resurrection,
 Through thy admirable ascension,
 Through the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter,

O Lord, deliver us.

In the day of Judgment,
 We, sinners, *Beseech thee to hear us.*

That thou spare us,

That thou pardon us,

That thou vouchsafe to bring us to true penance,
 That thou vouchsafe to govern and preserve thy holy Church,

That thou vouchsafe to preserve our Apostolic Prelate, and all ecclesiastical orders in our holy religion,

That thou vouchsafe to humble the enemies of thy holy Church,

That thou vouchsafe to give peace and true concord to Christian kings and princes,

That thou vouchsafe to grant peace and unity to all Christian people,

That thou vouchsafe to comfort and keep us in thy holy service,

That thou lift up our minds to heavenly desires,

That thou render eternal good things to our benefactors,

That thou deliver our souls, and those of our brethren, kinsfolk, and benefactors, from eternal damnation,

That thou vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the earth,

We beseech thee, hear us.

That thou vouchsafe to give eternal rest to all the faithful departed, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou vouchsafe graciously to hear us, *We beseech, &c.*

Son of God, *We beseech thee, hear us,*

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father, etc.

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil. Amen.

PSALM LXIX.

O God, come to my assistance ; O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let them be confounded and ashamed that seek my soul.

Let them be turned backward and blush for shame that desire evils to me.

Let them presently be turned away, blushing for shame, that say me, 'Tis well, 'tis well.

Let all that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee ; and let such as love thy salvation say always, The Lord be magnified.

But I am needy and poor : O God, help me.

Thou art my helper and deliverer ; O Lord, make no delay.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

V. Save thy servants. R. Trusting in thee, O my God. V. Be unto us, O Lord, a tower of strength.

R. From the face of the enemy. V. Let not the enemy prevail against us. R. Nor the son of iniquity have power to hurt us. V. O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins. R. Nor reward us according to our iniquities.

V. Let us pray for our chief bishop, N.

R. May the Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed on earth ; and deliver him not to the will of his enemies.

V. Let us pray for our benefactors.

R. O Lord, for thy name's sake, vouchsafe to render eternal life to all those by whom we have received good.

V. Let us pray for the faithful departed.

R. Eternal rest give them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine unto them.

V. May they rest in peace. R. Amen.

V. For our absent brethren. R. O my God, save thy servants trusting in thee.

V. Send them help, O Lord, from thy holy place.

R. And from Sion protect them.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my supplications come to thee.

LET US PRAY.

O God, whose property it is always to have mercy and to spare, receive our petitions, that we and all thy servants, who are bound by the chain of sin, may by the compassion of thy goodness mercifully be absolved.

Hear, we beseech thee, O Lord, the prayer of thy suppliants, and pardon the sins of them that confess to thee ; that of thy bounty thou mayest grant us pardon and peace.

Out of thy clemency, O Lord, show thy unspeakable mercy to us, that so thou mayst both acquit us of our sins, and deliver us from the punishment we deserve for them.

O God, who by sin art offended, and by penance pacified, mercifully regard the prayers of thy people, who make supplication to thee, and turn away the scourges of thy anger, which we deserve for our sins.

O Almighty and Eternal God, have mercy on thy servant N., our chief bishop, and direct him according to thy clemency in the way of everlasting salvation; that by thy grace he may desire such things as are agreeable to thy will, and perform them with all his strength.

O God, from whom are all holy desires, righteous counsels, and just works, give to thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts being disposed to keep thy commandments, and the fear of enemies having been taken away, the times, through thy protection, may be peaceable.

Inflame, O Lord, our reigns and hearts with the fire of thy Holy Spirit, that we may serve thee with a chaste body, and please thee with a clean heart.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of thy servants departed the remission of all their sins; that through the help of pious supplications, they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired.

Direct, we beseech thee, O Lord, our actions by thy holy inspirations, and carry them on by thy gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may always begin from thee, and by thee be happily ended.

O Almighty and Eternal God, who hast dominion over the living and the dead, and art merciful to all those whom thou foreknowest shall be thine by faith and good works, we humbly beseech thee, that they for whom we have proposed to offer our prayers, whether this present world still retains them in the flesh, or the next hath already received them divested of their bodies, may, by the clemency of thy goodness

and the intercession of thy saints, obtain pardon and full remission of all their sins : through, etc. R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my supplication come to thee.

V. May the Almighty and most merciful Lord graciously hear us. R. Amen.

V. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

The Seven Penitential Psalms.

Prayers to be recited on Fasting days, and at other Penitential Times.

1. David, in deep affliction, prays for a mitigation of the divine anger ; 4. In consideration of God's mercy ; 5. His glory ; 6. His own repentance ; 8. By faith triumphs over his enemies.

ANTHEM.

Remember not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents : neither take thou vengeance on our sins.

PSALM VI. *Domine, ne in furore.*

1. O Lord, rebuke me not in thy indignation, nor chastise me in thy wrath.

2. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak : heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.

3. And my soul is troubled exceedingly : but thou, O Lord, how long ?

4. Turn to me, O Lord, and deliver my soul : oh, save me for thy mercy's sake.

5. For there is no one in death that is mindful of thee : and who shall confess to thee in Hell ?

6. I have laboured in my groanings ; every night I will wash my bed : I will water my couch with my tears.

7. My eye is troubled through indignation : I have grown old amongst all my enemies.

8. Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity, for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

9. The Lord hath heard my supplication : the Lord hath received my prayer.

10. Let all my enemies be ashamed, and be very much troubled : let them be turned back, and be ashamed very speedily.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

PSALM XXXI. *Beati quorum.*

1. Blessings of remission of sins ; 3. Misery of impenitence ;
6. Confession of sin bringeth ease ; 8. Safety ; Joy.

1. Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

2. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord hath not imputed sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3. Because I was silent, my bones grew old ; whilst I cried out all the day long.

4. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me : I am turned in my anguish, whilst the thorn is fastened.

5. I have acknowledged my sin to thee ; and my injustice I have not concealed.

6. I said I will confess against myself my injustice to the Lord ; and thou hast forgiven the wickedness of my sin.

7. For this shall every one that is holy pray to thee in a seasonable time.

8. And yet in a flood of many waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

9. Thou art my refuge from the trouble which hath encompassed me ; my joy, deliver me from them that surround me.

10. I will give thee understanding, and I will

instruct thee in the way in which thou shalt go ; I will fix my eyes upon thee.

11. Do not become like the horse and the mule, who have no understanding.

12. With bit and bridle bind fast their jaws, who come not near unto thee.

13. Many are the scourges of the sinner, but mercy shall encompass him that hopeth in the Lord.

14. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye just ; and glory, all ye right of heart.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

PSALM XXXVII. *Domine, ne in furore.*

1. David's extreme anguish ; 16, He hopeth in God ; 18. His resignation, grief ; 22. Fervent prayer.

1. Rebuke me not, O Lord, in thy indignation, nor chastise me in thy wrath.

2. For thy arrows are fastened in me, and thy hand hath been strong upon me.

3. There is no health in my flesh, because of thy wrath ; there is no peace for my bones, because of my sins.

4. For my iniquities are gone over my head ; and, as a heavy burden, are become heavy on me.

5. My sores are putrified and corrupted, because of my foolishness.

6. I am become miserable, and am bowed down even to the end ; I walked sorrowful all the day long.

7. For my loins are filled with illusions ; and there is no health in my flesh.

8. I am afflicted and humbled exceedingly ; I roared with the groaning of my heart.

9. Lord, all my desire is before thee, and my groaning is not hidden from thee.

10. My heart is troubled, my strength hath left me, and the light of my eyes itself is not with me.

11. My friends and my neighbours have drawn near and stood against me.

12. And they that were near me stood afar off : and they that sought my soul used violence.

13. And they that sought evils to me spoke vain things, and studied deceits all the day long.

14. But I, as a deaf man, heard not ; and as a dumb man not opening his mouth.

15. And I became as a man that heareth not, and that hath no reproofs in his mouth.

16. For in thee, O Lord, have I hoped ; thou wilt hear me, O Lord my God.

17. For I said, lest at any time my enemies rejoice over me, and whilst my feet are moved, they speak great things against me.

18. For I am ready for scourges, and my sorrow is continually before me.

19. For I will declare my iniquity ; and I will think for my sin.

20. But my enemies live and are stronger than I, and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

21. They that render evil for good, have detracted me, because I have followed goodness.

22. Forsake me not, O Lord my God ; do not thou depart from me.

23. Attend unto my help, O Lord, the God of my salvation. Glory, &c.

PSALM L. *Miserere.*

1. David prayeth for remission of his sins ; 8. For perfect charity ; 17. God delighted not in sacrifice, but a contrite heart ; 19. He prayeth for the building of a temple in Jerusalem, figuratively the exaltation of the Church.

I. Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.

2. And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my iniquity.

3. Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

4. For I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me.

5. To thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before thee ; that thou mayest be justified in thy words, and mayest overcome when thou art judged.

6. For behold I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins did my mother conceive me.

7. For behold thou hast loved truth ; the uncertain and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast made manifest to me.

8. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed ; thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

9. To my hearing thou shalt give joy and gladness ; and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice.

10. Turn away thy face from my sins, and blot out my iniquities.

11. Create a clean heart in me, O God ; and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

12. Cast me not away from thy face ; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

13. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

14. I will teach the unjust thy ways ; and the wicked shall be converted to thee.

15. Deliver me from blood, O God, thou God of my salvation ; and my tongue shall extol thy justice.

16. O Lord, thou wilt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare thy praise.

17. For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it ; with burnt-offerings thou wilt not be delighted.

18. A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit ; a con-

trite and humble heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

19. Deal favourably, O Lord, in thy goodness with Sion ; that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

20. Then thou shalt accept the offering of justice, oblations, and whole-burnt offerings ; then shall they lay calves upon thy altar. Glory.

PSALM CI. *Domini, exaudi.*

1. The extreme affliction of the Psalmist ; 12. The eternity and mercy of God ; 19. To be recorded and praised by future generations ; 26. The unchangeableness of God.

1. Hear, O Lord, my prayer, and let my cry come to thee.

2. Turn not away thy face from me ; in the day when I am in trouble, incline thy ear to me.

3. In what day soever I shall call upon thee, hear me speedily.

4. For my days are vanished like smoke, and my bones are grown dry, like fuel for the fire.

5. I am smitten as grass, and my heart is withered : because I forgot to eat my bread.

6. Through the voice of my groaning, my bone hath cleaved to my flesh.

7. I am become like to a pelican of the wilderness ; I am like a night raven in the house.

8. I have watched, and am become as a sparrow all alone on the house-top.

9. All the day long my enemies reproached me ; and they that praised me did swear against me.

10. For I did eat ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping.

11. Because of thy anger and indignation ; for having lifted me up thou hast thrown me down.

12. My days have declined like a shadow, and I am withered like grass.

13. But thou, O Lord, endurest for ever ; and thy memorial all generations.

14. Thou shalt arise and have mercy on Sion : for it is time to have mercy on it, for the time is come.

15. For the stones thereof have pleased thy servants ; and they shall have pity on the earth thereof.

16. And the Gentiles shall fear thy name, O Lord ; and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

17. For the Lord hath built up Sion ; and he shall be seen in his glory.

18. He hath had regard to the prayer of the humble ; and he hath not despised their petition.

19. Let these things be written unto another generation, and the people that shall be created shall praise the Lord.

20. Because he hath looked forth from his high sanctuary ; from Heaven the Lord hath looked upon the Earth.

21. That he might hear the groans of them that are in fetters ; that he might release the children of the slain.

22. That they may declare the name of the Lord in Sion ; and his praise in Jerusalem.

23. When the people assembled together, and kings to serve the Lord.

24. He answered him in the way of his strength. Declare unto me the fewness of my days.

25. Call me not away in the midst of my days ; thy years are unto generation and generation.

26. In the beginning, O Lord, thou foundedst the Earth ; and the Heavens are the work of thy hands.

27. They shall perish, but thou remainest ; and all of them shall grow old like a garment.

28. And as a vesture thou shalt change them, and they shalt be changed ; but thou art always the self-same, and thy years shall not fail.

29. The children of thy servants shall continue ; and their seed shall be directed for ever. Glory, &c.

PSALM CXXIX. *De profundis.*

An excellent model for sinners imploring the divine mercy.

Out of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord :
Lord, hear my voice.

2. Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

3. If thou wilt observe iniquities, O Lord : Lord, who shall endure it ?

4. For with thee there is merciful forgiveness ; and by reason of thy law, I have waited for thee, O Lord.

5. My soul hath relied on his word : my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

6. From the morning watch, even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

7. Because with the Lord there is mercy, and with him plentiful redemption.

8. And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities. Glory, &c.

PSALM CXLII. *Domini exaudi.*

1. David prayeth for favour in judgment ; 3. Represents his distress ; 7. He prayeth for grace ; 9. For deliverance ; 10. For sanctification ; 12. Victory over his enemies.

1. Hear, O Lord, my prayer ; give ear to my supplication in thy truth ; hear me in thy justice.

2. And enter not into judgment with thy servant ; for in thy sight no man living shall be justified.

3. For the enemy hath persecuted my soul ; he hath brought down my life to the earth.

4. He hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that hath been dead of old ; and my spirit is in anguish within me ; my heart within me is troubled.

5. I remembered the days of old ; I meditated on all thy works ; I meditated upon the works of thy hands.

6. I stretched forth my hands to thee ; my soul is as earth without water unto thee.

7. Hear me, speedily, O Lord ; my spirit hath fainted away.

8. Turn not away thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

9. Cause me to hear thy mercy in the morning ; for in thee have I hoped.

10. Make thy way known to me wherein I should walk ; for I have lifted up my soul to thee.

11. Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord ; to thee have I fled.

12. Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God.

13. Thy good spirit shall lead me into the right land ; for thy name's sake, O Lord, thou wilt quicken me in thy justice.

14. Thou wilt bring my soul out of trouble ; and in thy mercy thou wilt destroy my enemies.

15. And thou wilt cut off all them that afflict my soul ; for I am thy servant. Glory be to the Father, &c.

Anth. Remember not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents, neither take thou vengeance on our sins.

The Thirty Days' Prayer to the B. V. Mary.

IN HONOR OF THE SACRED PASSION OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST.*

* By the devout recital of this prayer for the above space of time, we may mercifully hope to obtain our lawful request. It is particularly recommended as a proper devotion for every day in Lent, and all Fridays throughout the year.

Ever glorious and blessed Mary, queen of virgins, mother of mercy, hope and comfort of dejected and

desolate souls, through that sword of sorrow which pierced thy tender heart, whilst thine only Son, Christ Jesus our Lord, suffered death and ignominy on the cross ; through that filial tenderness and pure love he had for thee, grieving in thy sorrows, whilst from his cross he recommended thee to the care and protection of his beloved disciple, St. John ; take pity, I beseech thee, on my poverty and necessities ; have compassion on my anxieties and cares ; assist and comfort me in all my infirmities and miseries. Thou art the mother of mercies, the sweet consolatrix and refuge of the needy and the orphan, of the desolate and the afflicted. Cast, therefore, an eye of pity on a miserable forlorn child of Eve, and hear my prayer, for since, in just punishment of my sins, I find myself encompassed by a multitude of evils, and oppressed with much anguish of spirit, whither can I fly for more secure shelter, O amiable Mother of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, than under the wings of thy maternal protection ? Attend, therefore, I beseech thee, with an ear of pity and compassion to my humble and earnest request. I ask it through the bowels of mercy of thy dear Son, through that love and condescension wherewith he embraced our nature, when, in compliance with the divine will, thou gavest thy consent ; and whom, after the expiration of nine months, thou didst bring forth from thy chaste womb, to visit this world and bless it with his presence. I ask it through the anguish of mind wherewith thy beloved Son, our dear Saviour, was overwhelmed on Mount Olivet, when he besought his eternal Father to *remove from him, if possible, the bitter chalice* of his future passion. I ask it through the threefold repetition of his prayer in the garden, from whence afterwards, with dolorous steps and mournful tears, thou didst accompany him to the doleful theatre of his death and sufferings. I ask it through the welts and

sores of his virginal flesh, occasioned by the cords and whips wherewith he was bound and scourged, when stripped of his seamless garment, for which his executioners afterwards cast lots. I ask it through the scoffs and ignominies by which he was insulted, the false accusations and unjust sentence by which he was condemned to death, and which he bore with heavenly patience. I ask it through his bitter tears and bloody sweat, his silence and resignation, his sadness and grief of heart. I ask it through the blood which trickled from his royal and sacred head, when struck with the sceptre of a reed, and pierced with his crown of thorns. I ask it through the excruciating torments he suffered when his hands and feet were fastened with gross nails to the tree of the cross. I ask it through his vehement thirst and bitter potion of vinegar and gall. I ask it through his dereliction on the cross, when he exclaimed: "My God! my God! why hast thou forsaken me?" I ask it through his mercy extended to the repentant thief, and through his recommending his precious soul and spirit into the hands of his eternal Father before he expired, saying: "All is consummated." I ask it through the blood mixed with water, which issued from his sacred side when pierced with a lance, and whence a flood of grace and mercy has flowed to us. I ask it through his immaculate life, bitter passion, and ignominious death on the cross, at which nature itself was thrown into convulsions, by the bursting of rocks, rending of the veil of the temple, the earthquake, and darkness of the sun and moon. I ask it through his descent into Hell, where he comforted the saints of the Old Law with his presence, and led captivity captive. I ask it through his glorious victory over death, when he arose again to life on the third day; and through the joy which his appearance for forty days after gave thee, his blessed Mother, his apostles,

and the rest of his disciples, when in thine and their presence he, miraculously ascended into Heaven. I ask it through the grace of the Holy Ghost, infused into the hearts of his disciples, when he descended upon them in the form of fiery tongues, and by which they were inspired with zeal in the conversion of the world, when they went to preach the Gospel. I ask it through the awful appearance of thy Son at the last dreadful day, when he shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. I ask it through the compassion he bore thee in this life, and the ineffable joy thou didst feel at thy assumption into Heaven, where thou art eternally absorbed in the sweet contemplation of his divine perfections. O glorious and ever blessed Virgin, comfort the heart of thy suppliant, by obtaining for me :—

[Here mention or reflect on your lawful request, under the reservation of its being agreeable to the will of God, who sees whether it will contribute towards your spiritual good.]

And as I am persuaded my divine Saviour doth honour thee as his beloved Mother, to whom he refuses nothing, because you ask nothing contrary to his honour, so let me speedily experience the efficacy of thy powerful intercession, according to the tenderness of thy maternal affection, and his filial, loving heart, who mercifully granteth the requests and complieth with the desires of those that love and fear him. Wherefore, O most blessed Virgin, besides the object of my present petition, and whatever else I may stand in need of, obtain for me also of thy dear Son, our Lord and our God, a lively faith, firm hope, perfect charity, true contrition of heart, unfeigned tears of compunction, sincere confession, condign satisfaction, abstinence from sin, love of God and my neighbour, contempt of the world, patience to suffer affronts and ignomies, nay, even, if necessary, an opprobrious death itself, for love of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus

Christ. Obtain likewise for me, O sacred Mother of God, perseverance in good works, performance of good resolutions, mortification of self-will, a pious conversation through life, and, at my last moments, strong and sincere repentance, accompanied by such a lively and attentive presence of mind, as may enable me to receive the last sacrament of the Church worthily, and die in thy friendship and favour. Lastly, obtain, I beseech thee, for the souls of my parents, brethren, relatives, and benefactors, both living and dead, life everlasting. Amen.

Bona Mors,

OR DEVOTIONS FOR OBTAINING A HAPPY DEATH.

The pious exercises of "Bona Mors" are performed on the first Sunday of each month.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. R. Amen.

Open our mouths, O Lord ! to bless thy holy name ; cleanse our hearts from all vain and distracting thoughts ; enlighten our understandings, inflame our wills, that we may worthily perform this holy exercise with attention and devotion, and may deserve to be heard in the presence of thy divine Majesty ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. R. Amen.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

Holy Mary,
 All ye holy angels and archangels,
 St. Abel,
 All ye choirs of just souls,
 St. Abraham,
 St. John the Baptist,
 All ye holy patriarchs and prophets,
 St. Peter,
 St. Paul,
 St. Andrew,
 St. John,
 All ye holy apostles and evangelists,
 All ye holy disciples of our Lord,
 All ye holy innocents,
 St. Stephen,
 St. Laurence,
 All ye holy martyrs,
 St. Silvester,
 St. Gregory,
 St. Augustine,
 All ye holy bishops and confessors,
 St. Benedict,
 St. Francis,
 All ye holy monks and hermits,
 St. Mary Magdalene,
 St. Lucy,
 All ye holy virgins and widows.
 All ye saints of God, *make intercession for us.*
 Be merciful unto us : *spare us, O Lord!*
 Be merciful unto us : *hear us, O Lord!*
 Be merciful unto us : *deliver us, O Lord!*
 From thy anger,
 From the danger of death,
 From an unprovided death,
 From the pains of hell,
 From all evil,
 From the power of the devil,

Pray for us.

O Lord, &c.

By thy nativity,
 By thy cross and passion,
 By thy death and burial,
 By thy glorious resurrection,
 By thy admirable ascension,
 By the grace of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter,
 In the day of judgment,

} *O Lord deliver us.*

We sinners : *beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou wilt spare us : *we beseech thee, hear us.*

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Let us pray.

Mercifully vouchsafe, O God ! so to confirm thy servants in thy holy grace, that, at the hour of death, the enemy may not prevail against us, but that with thy angels we may deserve to pass into life everlasting ; through our Lord Jesus Christ. R. Amen.

Almighty and most merciful Creator, who, to refresh the thirst of thy people in the desert, didst command streams of water to flow from the hardest rock, draw, we beseech thee, from our eyes, tears of perfect compunction, that we may utterly detest all sin, and only thirst after the happy and glorious vision of thee, our God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. R. Amen.

An Act of Contrition.

O my dear Lord Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the world ! behold, prostrate at thy feet, the most unhappy and most ungrateful creature on the face of the earth. O my God ! I have offended thee most grievously, in thought, word, and deed. My heinous crimes nailed thee to the bloody cross. To rescue me from eternal damnation, thou didst agonize for three hours on Mount Calvary. But oh ! how I now

detest myself ! how I grieve for having offended thee, O God of infinite goodness, of infinite charity ! I stand astonished and confounded at thy incomprehensible patience in bearing with me, the most ungrateful of sinners. From the very bottom of my heart I detest all my sins ; and because I love thee, and will love thee above all things created, I steadfastly purpose, by thy holy grace, never to offend thee more, and to die a thousand deaths rather than commit one mortal sin. R. Amen.

THE STATIONS OF THE SACRED PASSION.

O most sweet Jesus ! praying to thy Father in the garden, sorrowful even unto death, and sweating blood in thy agony of grief, have mercy on us.

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord ! have mercy on us.

O most sweet Jesus ! delivered by the traitor's kiss into the hands of thy enemies, seized and bound like a thief, and abandoned by thy disciples, have mercy on us.

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord ! have mercy on us.

O most sweet Jesus ! by the unjust verdict of the Jews, found guilty of death, brought like a malefactor before the tribunal of Pilate, scorned and derided by impious Herod, have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us, O Lord ! have mercy on us.

O most sweet Jesus, stripped of thy garments, and most inhumanly scourged at the pillar, have mercy on us.

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord ! have mercy on us.

O most sweet Jesus ! crowned with thorns, blindfolded, buffeted, struck with a reed, clothed in derision with a purple garment, and infinite other ways scorned and reviled, have mercy on us.

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord ! have mercy on us.

O most sweet Jesus ! reputed more criminal than

Barabbas the murderer, rejected by the Jews, and condemned to the ignominious death of the cross, have mercy on us.

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord ! have mercy on us.

O most sweet Jesus ! loaded with a heavy cross, and led like an innocent lamb to the place of execution, have mercy on us.

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord ! have mercy on us.

O most sweet Jesus ! hanging between two thieves, derided, blasphemed, made to taste vinegar and gall, and enduring most horrible torments from the sixth to the ninth hour, have mercy on us.

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord ! have mercy on us.

O most sweet Jesus ! dead upon the cross, and wounded in thy side with a spear, in thy holy Mother's presence, whence issued forth water and blood, have mercy on us.

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord ! have mercy on us.

O most sweet Jesus ! taken down from the cross, and bathed with the tears of thy most sorrowful Mother, have mercy on us.

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord ! have mercy on us.

O most sweet Jesus ! torn and bruised all over thy body, bearing the sacred marks of thy five most precious wounds, embalmed with spices and laid in the sepulchre, have mercy on us.

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord ! have mercy on us.

V. He truly bore our sorrows.

R. And he carried our grief.

Let us pray.

O God ! who, for the redemption of the world, didst vouchsafe to be born ; to be circumcised ; to be rejected by the Jews ; to be betrayed with a kiss ; to be bound like a malefactor, and, like an innocent lamb, to be led to slaughter ; to be ignominiously brought before Annas, Caiphas, Pilate, and Herod ; to

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be accused by false witnesses, scourged with whips, buffeted, defiled with spittle, crowned with thorns, stripped of thy garments, fastened to the cross, placed between two thieves, to have vinegar and gall given thee to drink, to have thy side pierced through with a spear—O Lord ! by these most grievous pains, which I, though unworthy, do commemorate, and by thy most sacred death and passion, free me from the pains of hell, and conduct me whither thy mercy conducted the good thief crucified with thee ; who, together with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest for ever.

R. Amen.

DEVOUT ADDRESS TO THE FIVE WOUNDS OF OUR SAVIOUR.

Let us adore the five most sacred wounds of Christ, our Lord, and in particular the wound of his most sacred side.

My Lord Jesus Christ ! I humbly adore the most sacred wound in thy blessed side, rendering thanks for the immense love manifested towards us, at the opening of thy inflamed heart ; I feelingly condole with thy most afflicted Mother. Grant me pure love and perfect charity ; that loving thee above all things, and all things in thee, my miserable soul, by the assistance of thy holy grace, may breathe its last in the sacred wound of thy blessed side. I humbly beg, dear Jesus ! that thou wilt protect thy holy Church, direct thy governing vicar on earth, and all ecclesiastical orders and secular persons, who are instrumental in bringing souls to their duty. Preserve in thy happy service all Christian kings and princes. Reduce into the way of salvation all those who have gone astray, whether through malice or ignorance. Bring under thy sweet yoke all infidels, heretics, and other

enemies of thy holy name. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

O Lord Jesus Christ ! God of my heart ! by the five wounds which thy love of us inflicted on thee, succour thy servants, whom thy hast redeemed with thy precious blood. R. Amen.

Most merciful Redeemer, by the inexplicable torments, and the immense grief which thou wert pleased to suffer for me, a contemptible creature, especially when thy divine soul was bitterly separated from thy blessed body, I humbly beseech thee, that thou wilt secure my poor soul at its final separation from my body, and comfort me then, as thou didst the good thief, saying, "Thou shalt be with me this day in paradise." R. Amen.

V. The sword of sorrow has pierced my soul.

R. That out of many hearts cogitations may be revealed.

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that the Blessed Virgin Mary, who, at the hour of thy passion, had her most holy soul pierced through with a sword of sorrow, may intercede for us with thy clemency, both now and at the hour of our death ; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. R. Amen.

"Let us say Our Father, and Hail Mary, three times, in memory of the three hours our dear Redeemer hung upon the cross, for the souls of the faithful departed of this congregation." Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

"Let us also say Our Father, and Hail Mary, once, for such as are in the lamentable state of mortal sin." Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

"Let us likewise say Our Father, and Hail Mary, once, for whoever of this congregation may die next,

that they may be prepared, and depart happily, fortified with the holy sacraments of the Church." Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

"Let us dispose ourselves, by acts of perfect contrition, and pure love of God, to receive worthily the benediction of our Lord and Saviour in the Adorable Sacrament of the Altar."

Merciful Redeemer ! and God of infinite patience ! great is my confusion to appear in thy divine presence, having so frequently sinned in thy most pure sight ; I own myself very guilty. Thou mightest have been glorified in thy justice, by striking me suddenly dead, and condemning me to eternal flames, for these outrages against thee : but blessed be thy holy name, thou wert pleased in thy mercy to call me to repentance. I abhor all my crimes of thought, word, and deed : not for the hope of reward, or fear of punishment, but for thy sake alone, and because thou dost hate them infinitely. O God of majesty and mercy ! look upon those sacred marks in thy hands, feet, and side, which thou still retainest in thy glorified body, to plead my pardon. By that tender love, which induced thee to create, redeem, and sanctify me, have mercy on me and forgive me. I declare before thy throne, that I would rather die than offend thee by another mortal sin. My heart was created for thee, and I desire to love thee more than myself. Oh ! may every breath I breathe, and especially my last, be a fervent act of love of thy divine Majesty. Sweet Saviour of perishing mankind, who openest thy hand and fillest every creature with benediction, give me now thy blessing as thou didst when ascending in triumph from Mount Olivet to thy beloved disciples, that I may live and die in this happy disposition. R. Amen.

A Universal Prayer,

FOR ALL THINGS NECESSARY FOR SALVATION.

O my God ! I believe in thee ; do thou strengthen my faith. All my hopes are in thee ; do thou secure them. I love thee with my whole heart ; teach me to love thee daily more and more. I am sorry that I have offended thee ; do thou increase my repentance.

I adore thee as my first beginning ; I aspire after thee as my last end ; I give thee thanks as my constant benefactor ; I invoke thee as my sovereign protector.

Vouchsafe, O my God, to conduct me by thy wisdom, to restrain me by thy justice, to comfort me by thy mercy, to defend me by thy power.

That I may be thine, pursuant to my baptism, I renounce the devil and his works ; the world and its pomps ; the flesh and its sensualities ; heresy and its errors.

To thee I consecrate all my thoughts, words, actions, and sufferings ; that henceforth I may think of thee, speak of thee, willingly refer all my actions to thy greater glory, and suffer willingly whatever thou shalt appoint.

Lord, I desire that in all things thy will may be done, because it is thy will, and in the manner that thou wilt.

May I always regard whatsoever pleaseth thee, despise what thou disregardest, avoid what thou forbiddest, and do what thou commandest.

I beseech thee to enlighten my understanding, inflame my will, purify my body, and sanctify my soul.

Give me strength, O my God, to expiate my offences, to overcome my temptations, to subdue my passions, and to practise the virtues proper for my state.

Fill my heart with tender affections for thy goodness, hatred for my faults, love for my neighbour, and contempt for the world.

Let me always remember to be submissive to my superiors, condescending to my inferiors, faithful to my friends, and charitable to my enemies.

Assist me to overcome sensuality by mortification, avarice by alms-deeds, anger by meekness, and tepidity by devotion.

Fill my heart with fear without despair, confidence without presumption, piety without illusion, and joy without licentiousness.

O my God, make me prudent in my undertakings, courageous in dangers, patient in affliction, and humble in prosperity.

Grant that I may be ever attentive at my prayers, temperate at my meals, diligent in my employments, and constant in my resolutions.

Let my conscience be ever upright and pure, my exterior modest, my conversation edifying, and my conduct regular.

Assist me, that I may continually labour to overcome nature, to correspond with thy grace, to keep thy commandments, and to work out my salvation.

Discover to me, O my God, the nothingness of this world, the grandeur of heaven, the shortness of time, and the length of eternity.

Grant that I may prepare for death, fear thy judgments, escape hell, and in the end obtain heaven.

Vouchsafe, in fine, to grant repentance to all sinners, perseverance to the just, peace to the living, and eternal bliss to the faithful departed. All which I beseech thee, O Lord, to grant, through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, the intercession of our Blessed Lady and all the saints, and the suffrages of our holy Mother the Church. Amen.

Prayers for the Devotion of the Three Hours' Agony on Good Friday.

I.

In thanksgiving for the pardon our Lord asked for us, recite three times what follows :—

Be thou praised and blessed for ever, O crucified Lord, for the pardon of our sins which thou hast obtained for us.

Make the following Acts :—

I believe in God ; I hope in God ; I love God above all things ; I am grieved for having offended him, because he is the Almighty and all-gracious God. I firmly purpose not to offend him any more.

O Mary ! admirable Mother ! the advocate of sinners, obtain for me, I beseech thee, through Jesus crucified, the pardon of my sins, and grace never more to offend him.

The following Prayer of St. Ignatius may be here recited, and after each meditation or instruction :—

Soul of Christ, sanctify me ; Body of Christ, save me ; Blood of Christ, inebriate me ; Water issuing from the side of Christ, cleanse me ; Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me, hide me within thy wounds ; never permit me to be separated from thee ; defend me against the malignant enemy ; at the hour of my death call me to thyself, and command me to come to thee ; that with thy saints I may praise Thee for ever and ever. Amen.

II.

Repeat three times the prayer of the good thief :—

Have pity on me, O Lord, and in thy mercy re-

member me, when thou comest into thy heavenly kingdom.

Then—I believe in God ; I hope, &c., as in page 167.

III.

In thanksgiving to Jesus for having given us Mary for our Mother, and imploring her as such, recite three times what follows :—

Most sweet Jesus, we return thee infinite thanks for having appointed thy blessed Mother, Mary, to be our Mother also.

Afterwards address yourself to her :—

O sorrowful Mary, our Mother, pray for thy children now, and at the hour of our death.

Then— I believe in God ; I hope, &c., as in page 167.

IV.

That our Lord may never abandon us, recite three times what follows :—

Most sweet Jesus ! by thy most holy dereliction, abandon us not, neither during our lives, nor at our death.

Then to our Lady :—

Mary, Mother of grace, Mother of mercy, protect us now, and at the hour of our death.

Then—I believe in God ; I hope, &c., as in page 167.

V.

Here, to alleviate the thirst of Jesus, give him your heart, saying three times :—

Most sweet Jesus, through the terrible pangs of thy agonizing thirst, have pity on all sinners.

Then—I believe in God ; I hope, &c., as in page 167.

VI.

In return for the accomplishment of the work of our redemption, recite three times the following Act:—

I thank thee, O Lord, from the bottom of my heart, for having accomplished the great work of our redemption. Grant, O my Saviour, that it may avail to our salvation.

Then—I believe in God ; I hope, &c., as in page 167.

The Litany for a Soul Departing.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,

All ye holy angels and archangels,

Holy Abel,

All ye choirs of the just,

Holy Abraham,

St. John the Baptist,

St. Joseph,

All ye patriarchs and prophets,

SS. Peter and Paul,

SS. Andrew and John,

All ye holy apostles and evangelists,

All ye holy disciples of the Lord,

All ye holy innocents,

SS. Stephen and Lawrence,

All ye holy martyrs,

SS. Sylvester and Gregory,

St. Augustin,

All ye holy bishops and confessors,

SS. Benedict and Francis,

All ye holy monks and hermits,

SS. Mary Magdalen and Lucy,

Pray for him.

All ye holy virgins and widows, *Pray for him.*
 All ye saints of God, *Make intercession for him.*
 Be merciful, *Spare him, O Lord.*
 Be merciful, and
 From thy anger,
 From the danger of death,
 From an ill end,
 From the pains of Hell,
 From all evil,
 From the power of the Devil,
 By thy nativity,
 By thy cross and passion,
 By thy death and burial,
 By thy glorious resurrection,
 By thy admirable ascension,
 By the grace of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter,
 In the day of judgment,
 We sinners, *beseech thee to hear us.*
 That thou spare him, *We beseech thee to hear us.*
 Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
 Lord, have mercy on us.

Deliver him, O Lord.

Let us pray.

Depart, Christian soul, out of this world, in the name of God the Father Almighty, who created thee; in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for thee; in the name of the Holy Ghost, who sanctified thee; in the name of the angels, archangels, thrones and dominations, cherubim and seraphim; in the name of the patriarchs and prophets, of the holy apostles and evangelists, of the martyrs and confessors, of the holy monks and hermits, of the holy virgins and of all the saints of God. Let thy place be this day in peace, and thy abode in holy Sion: through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

God of mercy, God of Goodness ! O God, who, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, forgivest the sins of such as repent, and graciously remittest the guilt of their past offences, mercifully regard this thy servant [N.], and grant him (*her*) a full discharge from all his (*her*) sins, who most earnestly begs it of thee. Remove, O merciful Father, whatever is corrupt in him (*her*) through human frailty, or by the snares of the enemy ; make him (*her*) a true member of the Church, and let him (*her*) partake of the fruit of thy redemption. Have compassion, Lord, on his (*her*) tears, and admit him (*her*) to the sacrament of thy reconciliation, who has no hope but in thee : through, etc.

I recommend thee, dear brother (*sister*), to Almighty God, and leave thee to his mercy, whose creature thou art, that having paid the common debt, by surrendering thy soul, thou mayest return to thy Maker, who formed thee out of the earth. Let, therefore, the splendid company of angels meet thy soul at its departure ; let the court of the apostles receive thee ; let the triumphant army of glorious martyrs conduct thee ; let the crowds of joyful confessors encompass thee ; let the choirs of blessed virgins go before thee ; and let a happy rest be thy portion in the company of the patriarchs ; let Jesus Christ appear to thee with a mild and cheerful countenance, and give thee a place among those who are to be in his presence for ever. Mayest thou be a stranger to all that which is punished with darkness, chastised with flames, and condemned to torments. Let the wicked enemy, with all his evil spirits, depart from thee ; may he tremble at thy approach in the company of angels, and retire into the horrid confusion of eternal night. May thy God arise, and thy enemies be put to flight. May all who hate him fly before his face. Let them vanish like smoke ; and as wax before the fire, so let

- sinners perish in the sight of God ; but for the just, let them rejoice and be happy in his presence. May all the ministers of Hell be filled with confusion and shame, and let no evil spirit dare to stop thee in thy way. Christ Jesus, be thy deliverer, who was crucified for thee. Christ Jesus, deliver thee from death, who vouchsafed to die for thee. Christ Jesus, Son of the living God, place thee in his garden of Paradise ; and may He, the true Shepherd, own thee for one of his flock. May he absolve thee from all thy sins, and place thee at his right hand, in the inheritance of his elect. We pray it may be thy happy lot to behold thy Redeemer face to face, to be ever in his presence, and in the vision of that truth which is the joy of the blessed ; and thus, placed among those happy spirits, mayest thou be ever filled with heavenly sweetness. R. Amen.

Receive thy servant, O Lord, into the place of salvation, which he (*she*) hopes from thy mercy. R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant from all dangers of Hell, from all pain and tribulation. R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Enoch and Elias from the common death of the world. R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Noah from the flood. R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Abraham from the midst of the Chaldeans. R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Job from all his afflictions. R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Isaac from being sacrificed by his father. R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant as thou

deliveredst Lot from Sodom and the flames of fire.
R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Moses from the hands of Pharaoh, King of Egypt. R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Daniel from the lions' den. R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst the three children from the fiery furnace, and from the hands of an unmerciful king. R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Susanna from her false accusers. R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst David from the hands of Saul and Goliath. R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Peter and Paul out of prison. R. Amen.

And as thou deliveredst that blessed virgin and martyr, St. Thecla, from most cruel torments, so vouchsafe to deliver the soul of this thy servant, and bring it to the participation of thy Heavenly joys. R. Amen.

Let us pray.

We commend to thee, O Lord, the soul of this thy servant, and beseech thee, Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the world, that as in mercy to him (*her*) thou becamest man, so now thou wouldst vouchsafe to admit him (*her*) into the number of the blessed. Remember, O Lord, he (*she*) is thy creature, not made by strange gods, but by thee, the only true and living God ; for there is no other God but thee, none that can work thy wonders. Let his (*her*) soul find comfort in thy sight, and remember not his (*her*) former sins, nor any of those excesses which he (*she*) has fallen into through the violence of passion and corruption. For

although he (*she*) has sinned, he (*she*) hath retained a true faith in thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost ; he (*she*) has had zeal for thy honour, and faithfully adored thee, his (*her*) God, and Creator of all things.

Remember not, O Lord, we beseech thee, the sins and ignorance of his (*her*) youth ; but according to thy great mercy, be mindful of him (*her*) in thy eternal glory. Let the Heavens be open to him (*her*), and the angels rejoice with him (*her*). Receive, O Lord, thy servant into thy kingdom. Let the archangel, St. Michael, the chief of the heavenly host, conduct him (*her*). Let the holy angels of God meet him (*her*), and bring him (*her*) into the city of the Heavenly Jerusalem. May blessed Peter, the apostle, to whom was given the keys of the kingdom of Heaven, receive him (*her*). May holy Paul, the apostle, who was a vessel of election, help him (*her*). May St. John, the beloved disciple, to whom God revealed the secrets of Heaven, intercede for him (*her*). May all the holy apostles, to whom was given the power of binding and loosing, pray for him (*her*). May all the blessed and chosen servants of God, who in this world have suffered torments for the name of Christ, pray for him (*her*). That being delivered from the body of corruption he (*she*) may be admitted into the kingdom of Heaven, through the assistance and merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

If the dying person be in his senses, the following Acts may be made.

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING.

O my God, thou hast created, redeemed, and sanctified me. Thou hast preserved me in many dangers, both of soul and body. Thou hast fed me with thy most blessed body and blood. Thou hast shown im-

mense patience in bearing with my repeated crimes, and often called me to repentance. For these and all other blessings bestowed upon me, a most ungrateful sinner, I offer thee innumerable thanks.

AN ACT OF RESIGNATION.

O my God, I cheerfully receive the certain summons of my death. It is a greater happiness to fulfil thy will, than to enjoy ten thousand lives ! O happy news of my departure ! I shall soon hear the choir of angels sing thy immortal praises. Let slow death hasten on, that dying I may no more offend thee, but live with thee, and love thee eternally.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION.

I am truly and heartily sorry for all my sins, not through the fear of Hell, or hope of reward, but for the love of thee, my God and only God ; and were I beginning as I am ending my life, I would not offend thee for a thousand worlds. O my God, do not despise a contrite and humble heart.

[If the sick party still continue in distress of agony, it would be proper for the assistant to read again the foregoing Litany and Prayers, as often as may be necessary.]

THE SOUL BEING NOW DEPARTED, THE FOLLOWING
RESPONSORY IS SAID :—

Come to his (*her*) assistance all ye saints of God ; meet him (*her*), all ye angels of the Lord ; receive his (*her*) soul, and present it in the sight of the Most High.

V. May Christ, who called thee, receive thee ; and the angels conduct thee into the bosom of Abraham.

R. Receive his (*her*) soul, and present it in the sight of the Most High.

V. Eternal rest grant him (*her*), O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine unto him (*her*).

- V. Lord, have mercy on us.
R. *Christ, have mercy on us.*
V. Lord, have mercy on us.
Our Father, etc.
V. And lead us not into temptation.
R. But deliver us from evil.
V. Eternal rest grant him (*her*), O Lord.
R. And let, etc.
V. From the gates of Hell.
R. Deliver his (*her*) soul, O Lord.
V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my supplications come unto thee.

Let us pray.

To thee, O Lord, we commend the soul of thy servant [N.], that being dead to this world, he (*she*) may live to thee. And whatever sins he (*she*) has committed through human frailty, we beseech thee in thy goodness mercifully to pardon : through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Then, for a conclusion, may be added the following Prayer for the assistants.

Grant, O Lord, that while we here lament the departure of thy servant, we may ever remember that we are most certainly to follow him (*her*). Give us grace to prepare for that last hour by a good life, that we may not be surprised by a sudden death, but be ever watching when thou shalt call, that so with the Spouse, we may enter into eternal glory : through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Office of the Dead.

MATINS.

Pater noster, &c., *secreto.* Our Father, &c., *in silence.*
Invitatorium. *Invitatory.*

REGEM, cui omnia vivunt, venite, adoremus. COME, let us adore the Lord, our king, who giveth life to all things.

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Venite, exultemus Domino, jubilemus Deo salutari nostro : præoccipemus faciem ejus in confessione, et in psalmis jubilemus ei. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, let us joyfully cry out to God our Saviour : let us present ourselves before him to celebrate his praises, and with canticles of jubilee let us sing to him.

Regem, cui omnia vivunt, venite, adoremus. Come, let us adore the Lord, our king, who giveth life to all things.

Quoniam Deus magnus Dominus, et Rex magnus super omnes deos : quoniam non repellet Dominus plebem suam, quia in manu ejus sunt omnes fines terræ, et altitudines montium ipse conspicit. Because God is a mighty Lord, and a great King, above all gods ; the Lord will not reject his people ; in his hand are all the bounds of the earth, and he looks down on the heights of the mountains.

Venite, adoremus. Who giveth life to all things.

Quoniam ipsius est mare, et ipse fecit illud, et aridam fundaverunt manus The sea is his, for he made it ; and his hands framed the earth ; come

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ejus : venite, adoremus, et procedamus ante Deum : ploremus coram Domino, quia fecit nos, quia ipse est Dominus Deus noster : nos autem populos ejus, et oves pascuæ ejus.

Regem, cui omnia vivunt, venite, adoremus.

Hodie si vocem ejus audieritis nolite obdurare corda vestra sicut in exacerbatione secundum diem tentationis in deserto : ubi tentaverunt me Patres vestri, probaverunt et viderunt opera mea.

Venite, adoremus.

Quadraginta annis proximus fui generationi huic, et dixi : Semper hi errant corde : ipsi vero non cognoverunt vias meas ; quibus juravi in ira mea, si introibunt in requiem meam.

Regum, cui omnia vivunt, venite, adoremus.

Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine ; et lux perpetua luceat eis.

then, let us adore, and fall prostrate before God, let us weep in the presence of the Lord, who made us, because he is the Lord our God ; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Come, let us adore the Lord, our king, who giveth life to all things.

If this day you should hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as you did when you provoked him in the desert ; where your fathers tempted me, they tried and saw my works.

Who giveth life to all things.

I was forty years with this race of men, and said : The hearts of this people are always straying : but they have not known my ways : and I swore to them in my wrath, that they should not enter the abode of my rest.

Come, let us adore the Lord, our king, who giveth life to all things.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord : and may the perpetual light of glory shine upon them.

Venite, adoremus.

Who giveth life to all things.

Regem, cui omnia vivunt.

Come, let us adore the Lord, our king.

Venite, adoremus.

Who giveth life to all things.

FIRST NOCTURN.

Anthem. Guide my steps, O Lord, my God, to walk in thy presence.

Psalm 5.

Give ear, O Lord, to my words, understand my cry.
Hearken to the voice of my prayer, O my King and my God.

For to thee will I pray : O Lord, in the morning thou shalt hear my voice.

In the morning I will stand before thee, and will see : because thou art not a God that willest iniquity.

Neither shall the wicked dwell near thee, nor shall the unjust abide before thy eyes.

Thou hatest all the workers of iniquity : thou wilt destroy all that speak a lie.

The bloody and the deceitful man the Lord will abhor.

But as for me in the multitude of thy mercy, I will come into thy house ; I will worship towards thy holy temple, in thy fear.

Conduct me, O Lord, in thy justice : because of my enemies, direct my way in thy sight.

For there is no truth in their mouth : their heart is vain.

Their throat is an open sepulchre : they dealt deceitfully with their tongues : judge them, O God.

Let them fall from their devices : according to the multitude of their wickednesses cast them out : for they have provoked thee, O Lord.

But let all them be glad that hope in thee : they shall rejoice for ever, and thou shalt dwell in them.

And all they that love thy name shall glory in thee :

For thou wilt bless the just.

O Lord, thou hast crowned us, as with a shield of thy good will.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord.

And may the perpetual light of glory shine upon them.

This Versicle is said at the end of every Psalm.

Anthem. Guide my steps O Lord, my God, to walk in thy presence.

Anthem. Incline to me, O Lord, and deliver my soul ; for in death there is no one mindful of thee.

Psalm 6.

O Lord, rebuke me not in thy indignation, nor chastise me in thy wrath.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak : heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.

And my soul is troubled exceedingly : but thou, O Lord, how long ?

Turn to me, O Lord, and deliver my soul : O save me for thy mercy's sake.

For there is no one in death, that is mindful of thee : and who shall confess to thee in hell ?

I have laboured in my groanings, every night I will wash my bed : I will water my couch with my tears.

My eye is troubled through indignation : I have grown old amongst all my enemies.

Depart from me all ye workers of iniquity : for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my supplication : the Lord hath received my prayer.

Let all my enemies be ashamed, and be very much

troubled : let them be turned back, and be ashamed very speedily.

Eternal rest, &c.

Anthem. Incline to me, O Lord, and deliver my soul, for in death there is no one mindful of thee.

Anthem. Protect me, lest the enemy seize on my soul, like a lion, while there is none to rescue or to save me.

Psalm 7.

O Lord my God, in thee have I put my trust : save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me.

Lest at any time he seize upon my soul like a lion, while there is no one to redeem me, nor to save.

O Lord my God, if I have done this thing, if there be iniquity in my hands :

If I have rendered to them that repaid me evils, let me deservedly fall empty before my enemies.

Let the enemy pursue my soul, and take it, and tread down my life on the earth, and bring down my glory to the dust.

Rise up, O Lord, in thy anger : and be thou exalted in the borders of my enemies.

And arise, O Lord my God, in the precept which thou hast commanded : and a congregation of people shall surround thee.

And for their sakes return thou on high. The Lord judgeth the people.

Judge me, O Lord, according to my justice, and according to my innocence in me.

The wickedness of sinners shall be brought to nought : and thou shalt direct the just : the searcher of hearts and reins is God.

Just is my help from the Lord : who saveth the upright of heart.

God is a just judge, strong and patient : is he angry every day ?

Except you will be converted, he will brandish his sword : he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

And in it he hath prepared the instruments of death, he hath made ready his arrows for them that burn.

Behold he hath been in labour with injustice : he hath conceived sorrow, and brought forth iniquity.

He hath opened a pit and dug it : and he is fallen into the hole he made.

His sorrow shall be turned on his own head : and his iniquity shall come down upon his crown.

I will give glory to the Lord according to his justice : and will sing to the name of the Lord the most high.

Eternal rest, &c.

Anthem. Protect me, lest the enemy seize on my soul, like a lion, while there is none to rescue or to save me.

V. From the gates of hell, **R.** Deliver their souls, O Lord.

Our Father, &c., *all in silence.*

First Lesson, Job, 7.

Spare me, O Lord, for my days are nothing. What is man to merit thy esteem ? or why dost thou place thy affections on him ? Thou dost visit him early with consolations, and then triest him with sudden afflictions. When wilt thou have compassion on me, and give me some ease, even for a moment ? I have sinned against thee, what shall I therefore do, O guardian of man, to appease thy wrath ? Why dost thou regard me as thy enemy, and render me a burthen to myself ? Why dost thou not pardon me my sins, and cleanse me from my iniquities ? Behold me now dying to be buried in the earth ; and if thou seekest me in the morning, I shall not be alive.

R. I firmly believe that my Redeemer is living, and that I shall rise again from the earth on the last

day : and that in my own flesh I shall see God, my Saviour.

V. Whom I myself in my own person shall see, and with my own eyes contemplate. **R.** And that in my own flesh I shall see God, my Saviour.

Second Lesson, Job, 10.

My soul is weary of life, I will speak of myself, and in the bitterness of my soul, I will say to God : Do not condemn me, tell me what I have done to deserve such punishment? doth it seem good to thee to calumniate and oppress me, who am the work of thy hands, and to favor the designs of the wicked against me? hast thou thy eyes of flesh, or wilt thou see as man doth? Are thy days as the days of man? or are thy years like ours, which glide away? that thou shouldst examine my iniquities, and search my sins: thou knowest that I have done no evil thing, whereas no one could rescue me out of thy hands.

R. Thou didst rise Lazarus fetid from the grave : O Lord, grant to them a place of rest and comfort.

V. Thou art to come to judge the living and the dead, and to consume the whole world by fire. **R.** O Lord, grant to them a place of rest and of comfort.

Third Lesson, Job, 10.

Thy hands, O Lord, have created me, and have formed me in every part, and wilt thou now precipitate me into ruin? Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me from the slime of earth, and that thou wilt make me return again to dust? Hast thou not extracted me from these raw materials, and formed me, as milk is coagulated, and made into cheese? Thou didst clothe me with skin and flesh, and with bones and sinews didst strengthen my frame. Thou didst grant me life, through thy great mercy, and thy watchful care hath ever since preserved me.

R. O Lord, when thou shalt come to judge the world, where shall I hide myself, from the view of thy wrath? For I have sinned exceedingly during my life.

V. I am seized with fear at my offences, and I blush for shame before thee: do not condemn me, when thou shalt come to judge. **R.** For I have sinned exceedingly during my life.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and may the perpetual light of glory shine upon them. **R.** For I have sinned exceedingly during my life.

Anthem. In a place of pasture he hath settled me.

Psalm 22.

The Lord ruleth me: and I shall want nothing. He hath set me in a place of pasture.

He hath brought me up, on the water of refreshment: he hath converted my soul.

He hath led me on the paths of justice, for his own name's sake.

For though I should walk in the midst of the shadow of death, I will fear no evils, for thou art with me.

Thy rod, and thy staff, they have comforted me.

Thou has prepared a table before me, against them that afflict me.

Thou hast anointed my head with oil; and my chalice which inebriateth me, how goodly is it!

And thy mercy will follow me all the days of my life.

And that I may dwell in the house of the Lord unto length of days.

Eternal rest, &c.

Anthem. In a place of pasture he hath settled me.

Anthem. Remember not, O Lord, the faults of my youth, and sins of ignorance.

Psalm 24.

To thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul. In thee, O my God, I put my trust ; let me not be ashamed.

Neither let my enemies laugh at me : for none of them that wait on thee shall be confounded.

Let all them be confounded that act unjust things without cause.

Shew, O Lord, thy ways to me, and teach me thy paths.

Direct me in thy truth, and teach me ; for thou art God my Saviour ; and on thee have I waited all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, thy bowels of compassion ; and thy mercies that are from the beginning of the world.

The sins of my youth and my ignorances do not remember.

According to thy mercy remember thou me, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

The Lord is sweet and righteous : therefore he will give a law to sinners in the way.

He will guide the mild in judgment : he will teach the meek his ways.

All the ways of the Lord are mercy and truth, to them that seek after his covenant and his testimonies.

For thy name's sake, O Lord, thou wilt pardon my sin : for it is great.

Who is the man that feareth the Lord ? He hath appointed him a law in the way he hath chosen.

His soul shall dwell in good things : and his seed shall inherit the land.

The Lord is a firmament to them that fear him : and his covenant shall be made manifest to them.

My eyes are ever towards the Lord : for he shall pluck my feet out of the snare.

Look thou upon me, and have mercy on me : for I am alone and poor.

The troubles of my heart are multiplied : deliver me from my necessities.

See my abjection and my labour ; and forgive me all my sins.

Consider my enemies for they are multiplied, and have hated me with an unjust hatred.

Keep thou my soul, and deliver me : I shall not be ashamed, for I have hoped in thee.

The innocent and the upright have adhered to me : because I have waited on thee.

Deliver Israel, O God, from all his tribulations.

Eternal rest, &c.

Anthem. Remember not, O Lord, the faults of my youth, and my sins of ignorance.

Anthem. I hope to enjoy the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

Psalm 26.

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear ?

The Lord is the protector of my life : of whom shall I be afraid ?

Whilst the wicked draw near against me, to eat my flesh.

My enemies that trouble me, have themselves been weakened, and have fallen.

If armies in camp should stand together against me, my heart shall not fear.

If a battle should rise up against me, in this will I be confident.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, this will I seek after ; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

That I may see the delight of the Lord, and may visit his temple.

For he hath hidden me in his tabernacle : in the day of evils, he hath protected me in the secret place of his tabernacle.

He hath exalted me upon a rock : and now he hath lifted up my head above my enemies.

I have gone round, and have offered up in his tabernacle a sacrifice of jubilation : I will sing and recite a psalm to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, my voice, with which I have cried to thee : have mercy on me and hear me.

My heart hath said to thee : My face hath sought thee : thy face, O Lord, will I still seek.

Turn not away thy face from me ; decline not in thy wrath from thy servant.

Be thou my helper, forsake me not ; do not thou despise me, O God my Saviour.

For my father and my mother have left me : but the Lord hath taken me up.

Set me, O Lord, a law in thy way, and guide me in the right path, because of my enemies.

Deliver me not over to the will of them that trouble me : for unjust witnesses have risen up against me : and iniquity hath lied to itself.

I believe to see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

Expect the Lord, do manfully, and let thy heart take courage, and wait thou for the Lord.

Eternal rest, &c.

Anthem. I hope to enjoy the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

V. May the Lord place them with princes of his people.

Our Father, *all in silence.*

Fourth Lesson, Job, 13.

Tell me, O Lord, how many and how great are my iniquities and sins, my evil deeds and offences discover to me. Why dost thou withdraw from me thy compassionate regards, and treat me as thy enemy? Against a leaf, that is carried away by the wind, thou

exertest thy might, and pursuest a withered straw. Thou writest against me bitter charges, and seemest to oppress me with the sins of my youth. Thou hast, as it were, fettered my feet ; thou has scrutinized my actions, and all my footsteps thou hast examined. Thus thou treatest me, who am soon to fall into corruption, and to become like a garment, eaten up by the moths.

R. Remember me, O God, for my life is like the fleeting wind ; the eyes of man shall soon cease to behold me.

V. From the depths I have cried to thee, O gracious Lord, hear my voice. **R.** The eyes of man shall soon cease to behold me.

Fifth Lesson, Job, 14.

Man born of a woman liveth but a short time, and is burthened with many miseries. He is likened to a flower, which is nipped as soon as it comes forth ; he disappears like a shadow, and never continues in the same state. And deignest thou to cast thy eyes on such a being, and to cite him to judgment ? Who can make pure and righteous him that was conceived in iniquity ? Art not thou, who alone canst do it ? The days of man are short, thou hast fixed the number of his months, and has prescribed the term of his life, which he cannot go beyond. Cease then a little to afflict him, that he may rest, until the wished-for day come to him, as to the hired servant, for receiving his wages.

R. Woe to me, O Lord, for I have grievously sinned during my life ! What shall I do, unhappy wretch ? Whither shall I flee, but to thee, O my God ? Have mercy on me when thou comest at the last day.

V. My soul is deeply troubled, do thou, O Lord, afford it comfort. **R.** Have mercy on me, when thou comest at the last day.

Sixth Lesson, Job, 14.

Who will petition for me the favour, that thou mayest place me in the lower recesses of the earth ; and hide me there, till thy wrath be appeased, and that thou mayest fix a time, when thou wilt remember me in thy great mercy ? Dost thou think that a dead man can rise to life again ? I shall therefore patiently wait all the days of my warfare, till I receive from thy goodness the grace of a perfect change. Thou wilt call me, and I shall answer ; thou wilt stretch forth thy saving arm to the work of thy own hand. Thou hast indeed witnessed the evil actions of my life ; but mercifully pardon my sins.

R. Remember not my sins, O Lord ; when thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

V. Guide my steps, O Lord, my God, to walk in thy presence. **R.** When thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and may the perpetual light of glory shine upon them. **R.** When thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

THIRD NOCTURN.

Anthem. Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me ; Lord, graciously look to me, and help me.

Psalm 39.

With expectation I have waited for the Lord, and he was attentive to me.

And he heard my prayers, and brought me out of the pit of misery and the mire of dregs.

And he set my feet upon a rock, and directed my steps.

And he put a new canticle into my mouth, a song to our God.

Many shall see, and shall fear : and they shall hope in the Lord.

Blessed is the man whose trust is in the name of the Lord : and who hath not had regard to vanities, and lying follies.

Thou hast multiplied thy wonderful works, O Lord my God : and in thy thoughts there is no one like to thee:

I have declared and I have spoken : they are multiplied above number.

Sacrifice and oblation thou didst not desire ; but thou hast pierced ears for me.

Burnt-offering and sin-offering thou didst not require : then said I, Behold, I come.

In the head of the book it is written of me that I should do thy will : O my God, I have desired it, and thy law in the midst of my heart.

I have declared thy justice in a great church, lo, I will not restrain my lips : O Lord, thou knowest it.

I have not hid thy justice within my heart : I have declared thy truth and thy salvation.

I have not concealed thy mercy and thy truth from a great council.

Withhold not thou, O Lord, thy tender mercies from me: thy mercy and thy truth have always upheld me.

For evils without number have surrounded me : my iniquities have overtaken me, and I was not able to see.

They are multiplied above the hairs of my head : and my heart hath forsaken me.

Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me : look down, O Lord, to help me.

Let them be confounded and ashamed together, that seek after my soul to take it away.

Let them be turned backward and be ashamed that desire evils to me.

Let them immediately bear their confusion, that say to me: 'Tis well, 'tis well.

Let all that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee : and let such as love thy salvation say always : The Lord be magnified.

But I am a beggar and poor : the Lord is careful for me.

Thou art my helper and my protector : O my God, be not slack.

Eternal rest, &c.

Anthem. Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me : Lord graciously look to me, and assist me.

Anthem. Heal my soul, O Lord, for I have sinned against thee,

Psalm 40.

Blessed is he that understandeth concerning the needy and the poor : the Lord will deliver him in the evil day.

The Lord preserve him and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth : and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

The Lord help him on his bed of sorrow : thou hast turned all his couch in his sickness.

I said : O Lord, be thou merciful to me : heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.

My enemies have spoken evil against me : when shall he die and his name perish ?

And if he came in to see *me*, he spoke vain things : his heart gathered together iniquity to itself.

He went out and spoke to the same purpose.

All my enemies whispered together against me : they devised evils to me.

They determined against me an unjust word : shall he that sleepeth rise again no more ?

For even the man of my peace, in whom I trusted, who eat my bread, hath greatly supplanted me.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy on me, and raise me up again : and I will requite them.

By this I know, that thou hast had a good will for me : because my enemy shall not rejoice over me.

But thou hast upheld me by reason of my innocence : and hast established me in thy sight for ever.

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel from eternity to eternity. So be it. So be it.

Eternal rest, &c.

Anthem. Heal my soul, O Lord, for I have sinned against thee.

Anthem. My soul is inflamed with an ardent desire to enjoy the mighty and living God, when shall I come to possess the vision of the Lord ?

Psalm 41.

As the hart panteth after the fountains of waters ; so my soul panteth after thee, O God.

My soul hath thirsted after the strong living God ; when shall I come and appear before the face of God ?

My tears have been my bread day and night, whilst it is said to me daily : Where is thy God ?

These things I remembered, and poured out my soul in me : for I shall go over into the place of the wonderful tabernacle, even to the house of God :

With the voice of joy and praise ; the noise of one feasting.

Why art thou sad, O my soul ? and why dost thou trouble me ?

Hope in God, for I will still give praise to him : the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

My soul is troubled within myself : therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan and Hermoniim, from the little hill.

Deep calleth on deep, at the noise of thy flood-gates.

All thy heights and thy billows have passed over me.

In the day time the Lord hath commanded his mercy ; and a canticle to him in the night.

With me *is* prayer to the God of my life, I will say to God : Thou art my support.

Why hast thou forgotten me? and why go I mourning, whilst my enemy afflicteth me?

Whilst my bones are broken, my enemies who trouble me have reproached me.

Whilst they say to me day by day : Where is thy God?

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why dost thou disquiet me?

Hope thou in God, for I will still give praise to him : the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

Eternal rest, &c,

Anthem. My soul is inflamed with an ardent desire to enjoy the mighty and living God ; when shall I come to possess the vision of the Lord.

V. Deliver not to beasts the souls of them who praise thee. **R.** And continue not to reject the souls of the poor.

Our Father, *all in silence.*

Seventh Lesson, Job, 17.

My spirit is quite spent, my days are shortened, and there remains nothing for me but the grave. I have not sinned, and yet, through affliction, my eyes are drowned in bitter tears. Deliver me, O Lord, and place me under thy care, and I shall not then fear whatsoever may fight against me. My days have gone by, my thoughts are dissipated, and afflict my heart. They have changed night into day, and when darkness comes on, I long for light. If I wait, my dwelling shall be the grave, and I shall strew my bed in that darksome prison. I have said to rottenness, thou art my father : and to the worms, you are my mother and sister. Where then is now my hope, and who hath regard to my patience?

R. Whilst I am sinning daily, and not repenting,

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the fear of death disturbs me greatly : O God, since out of hell there is no redemption, have mercy on me, and save me.

V. Save me, O God, through thy sacred name, and rescue me by thy power. **R.** O God, since out of hell there is no redemption : have mercy on me, and save me.

Eighth Lesson, Job 19.

My flesh is entirely consumed, my bones are only covered with skin, and emaciated lips are left about my teeth. Take pity on me at least you, my friends, take pity, for the Lord has heavily fallen upon me. Why do you add to the afflictions, with which God has visited me? why do you seem to glut yourselves with the sufferings of my flesh? Who will permit me to imprint these my words in a plate of lead with an iron style, or to engrave them on flint with a pencil of steel? I know that my Redeemer is living, that I shall rise again from the earth on the last day, that I shall be clothed again with my own skin, and that in my own flesh I shall see my God ; whom I myself in my own person shall see, and with my own eyes shall contemplate. This, my confident hope, is carefully laid up in my heart.

R. Do not judge me, O Lord, according to my deeds, for I have done nothing to merit thy approbation : therefore I humbly entreat thy divine majesty ; that thou, O God, wilt forgive me all my iniquity.

V. Wash me, O Lord, still more from my guilt, and cleanse from the stains of sin. **R.** That thou, O God, wilt forgive me all my iniquity.

Ninth Lesson, Job 10.

Why, O Lord, 'didst thou give me birth? Oh, that I had been consumed before the eyes of man could see my wretched condition ! oh ! that I had

been as if I did not exist, hurried from the womb to the grave. Will not my few days be shortly ended? Permit me, therefore, to give vent to my grief for a little while, before I go to the darksome land, from whence there is no return; a land which is covered with the shades of death; a land of misery and obscurity, where the shades of death and no order, but everlasting horror, have their settled abode,

R. Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal death on that dreadful day: when the heavens and earth shall be moved: whilst thou wilt come to judge the world by fire.

V. I am seized with tremblings and dread, while I reflect on the rigorous examination and the vengeful wrath of that day. **R.** When the heavens and earth shall be moved.

V. That day shall be a day of wrath, calamity, and misery; the great day of extreme bitterness and terror. **R.** Whilst thou wilt come to judge the world by fire.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and may the perpetual light of glory shine upon them.

R. Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal death on that dreadful day, when the heavens and the earth shall be moved, whilst thou wilt come to judge the world by fire.

The above Responsory is always said when the Office is of a double rite, but when the Office is simple, that is, when only one Nocturn is said at Matins, the following is substituted:—

R. Deliver me, O Lord, from the evil ways, which lead to hell, thou who didst break down its brazen gates, who didst descend into Limbo, to visit the faithful souls there, and didst give light to behold thee to those: who were detained in darkness.

V. They cried out with joy, saying: Thou art at

length come, O thou, our Redeemer. **R.** Who were detained in darkness.

R. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and may the perpetual light of glory shine upon them. **R.** Who were detained in darkness.

LAUDS.

Anthem. The bones that are humbled shall rejoice in the Lord.

Psalm 50.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.

And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity.

Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me.

To thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before thee ; that thou mayst be justified in thy words, and mayest overcome when thou art judged.

For behold I was conceived in iniquities ; and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For behold thou hast loved truth : the uncertain and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast made manifest to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed : thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

To my hearing thou shalt give joy and gladness ; and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice.

Turn away thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create a clean heart in me, O God : and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

Cast me not away from thy face ; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust thy ways : and the wicked shall be converted to thee.

Deliver me from blood, O God, thou God of my salvation : and my tongue shall extol thy justice.

O Lord, thou wilt open my lips : and my mouth shall declare thy praise.

For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it : with burnt-offerings thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit : a contrite and humble heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Deal favourable, O Lord, in thy good will with Sion ; that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations and whole burnt-offerings : then shall they lay calves upon thy altar.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord.

And may the perpetual light of glory shine upon them.

Anthem. The bones that are humbled, shall rejoice in the Lord.

Anthem. O Lord, graciously hear my prayer, for all flesh shall return to thee.

Psalm 64.

A hymn, O God, becometh thee in Sion : and a vow shall be paid to thee in Jerusalem.

O hear my prayer : all flesh shall come to thee.

The words of the wicked have prevailed over us : and thou wilt pardon our transgressions.

Blessed is he whom thou hast chosen, and taken to thee : he shall dwell in thy courts.

We shall be filled with the good things of thy house : holy is thy temple, wonderful in justice,

Hear us, O God our Saviour, *who art* the hope of all the ends of the earth. and in the sea afar off.

Thou who prearest the mountains by thy strength, being girded with power : who troublest the depth of the sea, the noise of its waves.

The Gentiles shall be troubled, and they that dwell in the uttermost borders shall be afraid at thy signs : thou shalt make the outgoings of the morning and of the evening to be joyful.

Thou hast visited the earth, and hast plentifully watered it ; thou hast many ways enriched it.

The river of God is filled with water, thou hast prepared their food : for so is its preparation.

Fill up plentifully the streams thereof, multiply its fruits ; it shall spring up and rejoice in its showers.

Thou shalt bless the crown of the year of thy goodness : and thy fields shall be filled with plenty.

The beautiful places of the wilderness shall grow fat : and the hills shall be girded about with joy.

The rams of the flock are clothed, and the vales shall abound with corn : they shall shout, yea, they shall sing a hymn.

Eternal rest, &c.

Anthem. O Lord, graciously hear my prayer, for all flesh shall return to thee.

Anthem. Thy righthand, O Lord, had protected me.

Psalms 62.

O God my God, to thee do I watch at break of day.

For thee my soul hath thirsted ; for thee my flesh, O how many ways !

In a desert land, and where there is no way, and no water : so in the sanctuary have I come before thee, to see thy power and thy glory.

For thy mercy is better than lives : thee my lips shall praise.

Thus will I bless thee *all* my life long: and in thy name I will lift up my hands.

Let my soul be filled as with marrow and fatness: and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips.

If I have remembered thee upon my bed, I will meditate on thee in the morning; because thou hast been my helper.

And I will rejoice under the covert of thy wings: my soul hath stuck close to thee: thy right hand hath received me.

But they have sought my soul in vain, they shall go into the lower parts of the earth:

They shall be delivered into the hands of the sword, they shall be the portions of foxes.

But the king shall rejoice in God, all they shall be praised that swear by him: because the mouth is stopped of them that speak wicked things.

Psalm 66.

May God have mercy on us, and bless us: may he cause the light of his countenance to shine upon us, and may he have mercy on us.

That we may know thy way upon earth: thy salvation in all nations.

Let people confess to thee, O God: let all people give praise to thee.

Let the nations be glad and rejoice: for thou judgest the people with justice, and directest the nations upon earth.

Let the people, O God, confess to thee: let all the people give praise to thee: the earth hath yielded her fruit.

May God, our God bless us, may God bless us: and all the ends of the earth fear him.

Eternal rest, &c.

Anthem. Thy right hand, O Lord, hath supported me.

Anthem. From the gates of hell, deliver their souls, O Lord.

*Canticle of Ezechias.**Isaias, 38.*

I said within myself, shall I, in the midst of my days, go down to the grave.

In vain I have expected the residue of my years : alas ! I said : I shall not see my Lord God in the land of the living.

I shall not see man any more, dwelling in peaceful security.

My generation is at an end, and is broken up like the tents of shepherds.

My life is suddenly cut off, like as a weaver cuts the warp, so am I taken away : thou wilt finish my life in the course of a day, between the morning and evening.

I did hope to live till morning, but my illness, like a furious lion, hath broken my frame to pieces.

Thou wilt finish my life in the course of a day, between the morning and evening : I will mourn then like a young swallow, I will sigh, from my heart, like a dove.

My eyes are become weak, by looking up constantly towards heaven.

O Lord, I suffer much, do thou answer for me : What shall I say ? or what will he reply to me, whereas he himself hath done it.

I will recollect, and recount to thee all the years of my life, in the bitterness of my soul.

O Lord, if such be the life of man, and if my life be occupied in such things, thou wilt chastise me, and preserve my soul : for behold, to be without correction is the most deplorable of all afflictions.

Thou hast at length rescued my soul from perdition, and hast cancelled and buried in oblivion all my sins.

For those in hell shall not bless thee, nor shall the

dead sing forth thy praises: those who are condemned to the burning lake, shall not receive thy salvation.

The living, O Lord, the living people, shall praise thee, as I do this day; the fathers shall declare to their children thy promised salvation.

O Lord, save my soul, and we shall sing canticles to thee all the days of our lives in the temple of the Lord.

Eternal rest, &c.

Anthem. From the gates of hell, deliver their souls,
O Lord.

Anthem. Let every living creature praise the Lord.

Psalm 148.

Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise ye him in the high places.

Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

Praise ye him, O sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light.

Praise him, ye heavens of heavens: and let all the waters that are above the heavens praise the name of the Lord.

For he spoke, and they were made: he commanded, and they were created.

He hath established them for ever, and for ages of ages: he hath made a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all ye deeps.

Fire, hail, snow, ice, stormy winds, which fulfil his word.

Mountains and all hills, fruitful trees and all cedars.

Beasts and all cattle: serpents and feathered fowls.

Kings of the earth and all people: princes and all judges of the earth.

Young men and maidens: let the old with the

younger, praise the name of the Lord : for his name alone is exalted.

The praise of him is above heaven and earth : and he hath exalted the horn of his people.

A hymn to all his saints : to the children of Israel, a people approaching to him.

The Versicle, Eternal rest, &c., is not said here.

Psalm 149.

Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle : let his praise be in the church of the saints.

Let Israel rejoice in him that made him : and let the children of Sion be joyful in their king.

Let them praise his name in choir : let them sing to him with the timbrel and the psaltery.

For the Lord is well pleased with his people : and he will exalt the meek unto salvation.

The saints shall rejoice in glory : they shall be joyful in their beds.

The high praises of God shall be in their mouth : and two-edged swords in their hands :

To execute vengeance upon the nations, chastisements among the people :

To bind their kings with fetters, and their nobles with manacles of iron.

To execute upon them the judgment that is written: this glory is to all his saints.

The Versicle, Eternal rest, &c., is not said here.

Psalm 150.

Praise ye the Lord in his holy places : praise ye him in the firmament of his power.

Praise ye him for his mighty acts : praise ye him according to the multitude of his greatness.

Praise him with sound of trumpet : praise him with psaltery and harp.

Praise him with timbrel and choir : praise him with strings and organs.

Praise him on high-sounding cymbals : praise him on cymbals of joy : let every spirit praise the Lord. Eternal rest, &c.

Anthem. Let every living creature praise the Lord.

V. I have heard a voice from heaven saying to me,

R. Blessed are the dead who repose in the Lord.

Anthem. I am the resurrection and the life ; he who believeth in me, although he were dead, shall live ; and every one, who liveth and believeth in me, shall not meet with eternal death.

Canticle of Zachary.

Luke, i.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel : because he hath visited, and effected the redemption of his people.

And he hath raised up a powerful Saviour for us, in the house of David, his servant.

As he promised by the mouth of his holy prophets, from the beginning.

To save us from our enemies, and from the hands of all who hate us.

To communicate his mercy to us, as well as to our fathers ; and to recall to mind the holy covenant, made to them.

The oath, which he hath sworn to our father Abraham, that he would grant us the grace.

That, being rescued from the fear and power of our enemies, we may serve him,

In holiness and righteousness in his presence, all the days of our lives.

And thou, O happy child, shalt be called the prophet of the Most High : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord, to prepare his ways.

To give his people the knowledge of salvation, unto the remission of their sins.

Through the bowels of the mercy of our God : with which he, like the rising sun from on high, hath visited us.

To give light to those, who sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death : to guide our feet into the ways of peace.

Eternal rest, &c.

Anthem. I am the resurrection and the life ; he who believeth in me, although he were dead, shall live ; and every one who liveth, and believeth in me, shall not meet with eternal death.

Our Father, *in silence.*

V. And lead us not into temptation. **R.** But deliver us from evil.

Psalm 129.

Out of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities ; Lord, who shall stand it ?

For with thee there is merciful forgiveness : and by reason of thy law, I have waited for thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on his word : my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy : and with him plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Eternal rest, &c.

V. From the gates of hell. **R.** Deliver his (her) soul, O Lord.

V. May he (she) rest in peace. **R.** Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer. **R.** And let my cry come unto thee.

Prayer on the day of decease and burial.

Let us pray.

Absolve, we beseech thee, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, N., that being dead to this world, he (she) may live to thee, and that he (she) may obtain from thy great mercy the plenary remission of his (her) sins, committed by human frailty while on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **R.** Amen.

V. Eternal rest, &c.

Another Prayer on the day of decease or burial.

O God, whose attribute it is always to have mercy and to spare, we humbly present our prayers to thee for the soul of thy servant, N., which thou hast this day called out of this world ; beseeching thee not to deliver it into the hands of the enemy, nor to forget it for ever, but to command thy holy angels to receive it, and to bear it into paradise ; that as it has believed and hoped in thee, it may be delivered from the pains of hell, and inherit eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

V. Eternal rest, &c.

Prayer on the third, seventh, or thirtieth day after death.

Admit, we beseech thee, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, N., which on this third (seventh, or thirtieth) day of decease, we commemorate, into the society of thy saints, and refresh it with the perpetual dew of thy mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

V. Eternal rest, &c.

Prayer on the anniversary day of decease.

O God, the Lord of mercy, grant to the soul of thy servant, N., whose anniversary day of decease we commemorate, a place of comfort, a happy rest, and the light of glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

V. Eternal rest, &c.

OTHER DIFFERENT PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD.

Prayer for the Sovereign Pontiff, deceased.

O God, who wast pleased, in thy divine providence, to have thy servant, N., numbered among the Chief Pastors of thy Church ; grant, we beseech thee, that he, who represented the person of thy only begotten Son on earth, may be admitted into the company of thy holy prelates in heaven. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ.

V. Eternal rest, &c.

Another Prayer for a deceased Bishop.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant that the soul of thy servant and bishop, N., whom thou hast rescued from the painful conflicts of this world, may partake of the bliss of thy saints. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

V. Eternal rest, &c.

Another Prayer for a deceased Priest.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, that the soul of thy servant, N., whom thou hast adorned with the sacred character of priesthood whilst on earth, may for ever rejoice in celestial bliss. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

V. Eternal rest, &c.

Prayer for a Man deceased.

Graciously hear, O Lord, the prayers we address to thee, by which we humbly entreat thy mercy, to receive into the kingdom of peace and light the soul of thy servant, N., whom thou hast called out of this world, and to reckon him among thy blessed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

V. Eternal rest, &c.

Prayer for a Woman deceased.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to shew thy bountiful mercy to the soul of thy servant, N., and being now freed from the corruption of this mortal life, grant to her the portion of thy eternal inheritance of bliss. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

V. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord. **R.** And let the perpetual light of glory shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace. **R.** Amen.

Our Father, *in silence.*

V. And lead us not into temptation. **R.** But deliver us from evil.

V. From the gates of hell. **R.** Deliver their souls, O Lord.

V. May they rest in peace. **R.** Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer. **R.** And let my cry come unto thee.

Prayer for the commemoration of All Souls.

. Let us pray.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of thy servants departed, the full remission of all their sins; that through the help of pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon they have always desired. Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Eternal rest, &c.

Prayer for both Father and Mother deceased.

O God, who hast commanded us to honour our father and mother (our fathers and mothers), mercifully shew pity to the souls of my (our) parents, forgive them their faults, and grant me (us) the grace to see them hereafter in the joys of eternal glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

V. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord. **R.** And let the perpetual light of glory shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace. **R.** Amen.

Rules and Constitutions

OF THE

SODALITIES OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

(A new translation of the Rules, &c., as approved by the Very Rev. Fr. Beckx, General of the Society of Jesus.)

CHAPTER I.—COMMON RULES.

I.—Since it is the Most Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, principal patroness of this Sodality, that is to be expected to cherish and protect it—as she is Mother of Mercy, loving those that love her, guardian and protectress of those who piously and religiously seek her aid—it is of the highest importance that the members of the same Sodality should not only greatly venerate, and in a very special manner honour her, but also seek, by the blameless conduct of their lives, to imitate the example of her wonderful virtues, and to excite each other to love her.

The accomplishment of all this will be greatly faci-

litated by the observance of the rules which it has been thought better to have committed to writing, so that, as far as possible, they may be common to all the Sodalities in union with that of Rome.

It is, however, permitted to each Sodality to have, beside these rules, others peculiar to itself, such as it may consider suited to the various circumstances of place and persons.

II.—The Sodality shall be governed by the Superior of the place in which it shall be established, and by the Prefect of the Sodality itself, aided by the counsel of two assistants. To these shall be added twelve Consultors, one of whom shall act as Secretary. The number of Consultors may, on account of the small number of members, be reduced to six. Besides these, other inferior officers shall be elected according to the wants of each Sodality. But all shall pay due deference, not only to the Director of the Sodality, but also to the Prefect and other officers, according to the rank of each, and shall obey them in all things relating to the Sodality. But when any impediment shall occur, they shall, as soon as possible, give notice to the Director or Prefect, that he may give charge of the matter to some other officer or member.

III.—As the end of this Sodality is virtue and Christian piety, to the attainment of which end the frequentation of the sacraments is of the greatest utility, they who wish to join the Sodality shall, before they are received, purify their souls from sin by an ordinary or a general confession, as their confessor shall judge better in the Lord. Then all the members are to know that they must receive the Sacraments of Penance and the Blessed Eucharist at least once in the month, and also on certain feasts and solemnities of our Lord and his Most Blessed Mother. However, the principal officers, that is to say, the Prefect, Assistant, Secretary, and Consultors should

go to Confession, and, unless their Spiritual Father judge otherwise, receive the Blessed Eucharist more frequently than the other members, who should derive instruction from their example.

IV.—As far as possible let an ordinary confessor be chosen, who, once that he has been selected by any one, must not without good reason, be changed. To him let each one unreservedly manifest the state of his conscience, and in all things that concern the direction of his conscience, let each one allow himself to be guided and ruled by him.

V.—On Sundays and also on holidays of obligation, all shall in the morning* be present at the meeting of the Sodality, when they shall give about an hour and a-half to spiritual exercises, according to the manner prescribed by the Director or Prefect. This shall be the usual manner of proceeding: They shall begin with the reading of some pious book, which shall be read until all, or nearly all, the members have assembled; then part of the Office of the Blessed Virgin shall be sung; then a brief exhortation on matters tending to the spiritual progress of the members shall be given by the Director of the Sodality; the exhortation shall be followed by the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, after which, and the recital of the Litanies or other prayers, according to the custom of each Sodality, the members may go away. But they who have received Holy Communion will spend at least a quarter of an hour in thanksgiving. Those Sodalities that have the custom of meeting again in the afternoon, may, at that time, give half an hour or a little more to exercises similar to those of the morning.

VI.—But since the members of the Sodality should make it their principal study to please God, and after him the Blessed Virgin, as they are dedicated to her

*Or in the evening. Besides, the time may be shortened as prudence may require.

and belong to her by the special titles, the Director and Prefect should spare no effort to procure the increase and extension of this devotion. They, therefore, shall take care that the more solemn feasts of our Lord, and of the Virgin Mother of God, be celebrated by the members of the Sodality with peculiar fervour and devotion. This devotion will be increased if, during the nine days preceding those feasts, the members prepare and dispose themselves by some special observances, and, above all, by holy meditations. That this may the more easily be done by them, let the points of meditation and the observances be prescribed for each day, and let them, unless the expense be considered too great, be placed before the members in print, or read at a convenient time in the Sodality.

VII.—Where the custom exists each member shall bring to the Sodality a list of the observances he has practised during those days—but without signing his name—and shall throw it into a box or urn prepared for that purpose ; and these lists, having been reduced to order and copied into a book, shall be publicly read, instead of the usual exhortation.

Let them be read, if possible, on the day immediately preceding the solemn feast, to the end that all may, by the recollection of what they have heard, be very much excited to increased fervour and devotion. The members must also know that they will render themselves very pleasing to the ever Blessed Virgin by not only making use of these practices on the above-mentioned days, but also by seeking, every day, by some pious practice, to render the Mother of God propitious to them.

VIII.—As the reading of pious books is so highly approved of by the Holy Fathers, and is so powerful a help to spiritual progress, it must, therefore, be frequently used by the members of the Sodality. On

that account let the Sodality have, if possible, a library supplied with such books, and well filled in proportion to the number of members, from which they may, with permission of the Director, take books to be read afterwards at home. Let the person who shall have been appointed to this office by the Director distribute the books.

IX.—Every year the Director shall appoint a time during which they shall go through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. An exact account of them shall be set before the members, that they may know what is to be done during each hour of the spiritual exercises; and this order all shall with religious diligence observe. He who gives the spiritual exercise to the assembled members should exhort them specially to make a good confession. To this end some short points of meditation may be proposed to them—generally on the use and frequentation of the sacraments; on the obligation of each one's state; on the choice of such or such a state in life; and on other similar subjects that may specially at such a time be of use to them and assist them.

The exercises in the Sodality will be gone through somewhat in this manner:—They may begin with the reading of some book treating of those matters that are to form the subject of meditation. After the reading, he who gives the exercises shall propose an examen on the matters mentioned above. The examen shall be followed by the proposing of the meditation, after which all shall be present at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; then, after the psalm "Misereere" shall have been sung, but in a low voice, and with such inflections of tone as may tend to produce compunction, all the members may retire.

Nearly the same order of exercises shall be followed in the afternoon. The time of Lent, unless the Director of the Sodality should judge otherwise, seems to be the time specially suited to these exercises.

Three or four, or even a greater number of days, according as the Director shall have decided, having been thus spent, all shall on the following morning be present at the meeting of the Sodality, and receive together the Most Holy Body of Christ ; and let all the members take care that not even the least particle of that time, so specially acceptable, be wasted through fault of theirs. Let them reconsider at home what they have heard in the Sodality, and let them give much more time to reading and meditation than they are accustomed to do at other times when not engaged in the spiritual exercises.

X.—The greatest care must also be taken that the meetings of the Sodality be not omitted for any slight cause. But, if anything should occur on account of which it may seem that on that day the meeting should not take place, it shall be the province of the Director to decide on the sufficiency of the cause, and he, having examined the matter in the Lord, and having attentively considered it, shall decide as to him shall seem most expedient.

The days on which the meetings of the Sodality usually take place are nearly all Sundays, solemn feasts of the Nativity of Christ our Lord, the Circumcision, the Ascension, Pentecost, Corpus Christi ; all feasts of the most Blessed Virgin that are of obligation, and the feasts of the Apostles ; beside these, the feasts of St. Joseph, the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the feasts of St. Lawrence and of St. Aloysius. On these days the meeting is never omitted, unless, perhaps, on Christmas-day and Corpus Christi.

XI.—They who, on the days and at the times appointed for meeting, shall have been absent, must, as soon as possible, explain the cause of their absence to the Director, who is to judge whether the cause be sufficient or not ; and, if he finds them to have been in fault, he may admonish them as shall seem good to

him; and, for such absence, or for other defects, he may for a certain time prohibit their attendance at meetings, as shall be judged most conducive to the good of the Sodality and the glory of our Lord ; and, that the absence of any person may the more certainly and readily be known, the Sodality shall keep a book for the purpose, and in it the days during that year on which meetings are to take place, and the name of the members shall be so written, that the absence of any one may easily be marked ; though all should have so great a devotion to the Blessed Virgin, and so great a care of their own spiritual progress, as to have little need of these or similar inducements.

XII.—In festivals and ceremonies, if any should take place during the year, as also in incurring any other expenses on what occasion soever, each Sodality must take into account the position of its members, and carefully examine what should be done. Those that are less wealthy cannot bear these expenses ; the more wealthy too often aim at empty show. Let them therefore not be excessive in such expenditure, which often absorbs and consumes an amount of money that might have been much better laid out on things more conducive to the greater glory of God and of his Blessed Mother.

Wherefore, let each Sodality, amongst other regulations, decide, with the advice and approval of the Director, what it can and ought to do in this matter ; taking into account especially those expenses, that for the greater progress of the members in spirit and devotion are more earnestly recommended in these constitutions.

XIII.—Every morning, after rising and giving thanks to God for all the benefits received from His Sovereign Majesty, as well for general blessings as for great and special favours, and particularly for those of the night just past, let them make first, Acts of Faith,

Hope and Charity ; then, let them say three times the " Lord's Prayer " and the " Hail, Mary," in honour of the Most Holy Trinity, and once " The Apostles' Creed " and the " Hail, Holy Queen," beside the other prayers that each by the advice of his confessor usually says.

Nor should they be content with these prayers only, but let every one take care to give at least a quarter of an hour to mental prayer or meditation, and, if possible, to be present every day at the Sacrifice of the Mass. At night, before retiring to rest, let them again, for about a quarter of an hour, carefully examine their conscience, and make acts of sorrow and contrition for all their sins—but especially for those they may find themselves to have been guilty of that day ; after which they shall say the " Our Father " and " Hail, Mary," and the psalm " De Profundis " once, for the souls of the faithful departed.

XIV.—All the members are exhorted, as they profess greater perfection than others, to show greater earnestness too in pious and Christian practices ; as, for instance, to confess their sins more frequently ; to approach oftener the Holy Eucharist ; to recite the Office and the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin ; also, to visit prisons, if the circumstances of the place and persons make it practicable ; sometimes to visit hospitals, and especially on the days preceding some great feast of our Lord or of the Blessed Virgin. These and similar works of piety they may undertake, and in these each member, according to his position and devotion, may be exercised, or the whole Sodality collectively, as shall have been arranged and advised by him who directs it.

XV.—If any of the members be dangerously sick, the Director and Prefect shall take care that he be visited and strengthened by the reception of the Holy Sacraments of the Church ; and all shall in their

prayers recommend him to the Lord. In case of his death, if that praiseworthy custom of attending the funeral of members exist in the Sodality, let them not neglect giving this example of Christian piety. Then, on the first convenient day, the Office of the Dead shall be recited for him, either by all assembled at the meeting of the Sodality, or, at least, each one shall recite it in private. Every day during the octave, each member shall recite for him the psalm "De Profundis," with the Prayer for the Dead. Finally, the whole Sodality shall have the Sacrifice of the Mass offered up for him once at the altar of the Sodality, which, for the dead of the Sodality, is a privileged one.

XVI.—If it should ever happen that anyone has to leave the Sodality to make a journey, let him give information of it to the Director and Prefect, and ask them for letters-patent, so that he may be received as a member of the Sodalities that may exist in the place to which he goes ; and since, even during his absence, he is a sharer in the merits of the Sodality, it is becoming that he should occasionally give the others news of himself and of all that concerns him, writing to the Prefect and recommending himself to the prayers of the members. But wherever he may be, let him take care to show himself a true child of the Sodality, and endeavour, by the blamelessness of his conduct and the example of his life, to edify all and lead them to virtue.

XVII.—Let them all love one another with true and sincere charity, and be careful to preserve peace and fraternal concord, and, day after day, to advance in the practice of true and Christian virtue.

They will be greatly assisted to the attainment of this end by frequenting the meetings of the Sodality ; by not neglecting its pious exercises ; by often seeking the society of those whose conversation may be useful ;

by avoiding bad company, and all occasions that might in any way be injurious, as, for example, plays, quarrels, strifes, murmurs, and other things of the kind that would injure the good name and reputation of the Sodality. Let them, on the contrary, try so to bear themselves on all occasions as to be thought worthy of being under the special protection of the Most Blessed Virgin.

XVIII.—That these Laws and Constitutions may the more easily be kept, let them be publicly read at the meeting of the Sodality, when the names of the new Prefect and other officers shall be announced. Let every one endeavour to obey them with all possible diligence. Beside these laws, let each observe also all the customs of his own Sodality; and let the officers read more frequently the peculiar duties of their charges, that they may with greater diligence fulfil them.

CHAPTER II.

OF THE MANNER OF ADMITTING MEMBERS INTO THE SODALITY.

I.—Let him that desires to enter the Sodality, apply to the Director and Prefect, and when they have made sufficient enquiries about him, and have obtained information as to his age, profession, virtue, and other qualities, the Prefect shall refer the matter to the meeting of the twelve or six Consultors, that the applicant may be allowed to attend meetings for a certain time to serve as a probation, as shall be explained. During this time, he shall have leave to attend the spiritual exercises of the Sodality, but shall not be allowed to be present at the deliberations and consultations; and, in the meantime, he shall sit apart from

the others, according as the nature of the place may render practicable.

II.—When any applicant shall have been approved of, but not yet received, the Director and Prefect shall give him in charge to one of the members of exemplary virtue, whose care it shall be, during the time of probation (which shall last two or three months, according to the qualifications of the person), to instruct him in the Constitutions and Rules, and other customs of the Sodality, and to solve any difficulties that may occur to him, so that, fully understanding everything, he may obtain the object of his desires; and when the time for admitting him is at hand, in order that he may, according to the privileges and favours granted to the Sodality, gain the plenary indulgence on the day of his enrolment as a member, let him that has charge of the applicant give him notice to prepare himself for the reception of the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist that day, so that he may be made partaker of so great a treasure.

III.—But before any one is admitted into the body of the Sodality, let his case be again referred to the meeting of the twelve or six Consultors, that from them, and particularly from the person to whose care he was entrusted, it may be known how well he has conducted himself up to the time appointed. If it should be discovered that, during the time of probation, he has not entirely satisfied the expectations that were entertained, it shall be the business of the above-mentioned meeting to determine, by majority of votes, whether he shall be rejected or whether his time of probation shall be prolonged.

But, if he has given good proof of his character and virtue, he shall be received with the form and ceremony hereinafter described, provided that the Director gives his consent, without whose knowledge and counsel nothing shall be valid.

CHAPTER III.

OF THE CONFIRMATION OR RECEPTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SODALITY.

I.—Festivals of the Blessed Virgin Mary seem to be the days best suited for the reception of new members, especially the three feasts of the Annunciation, the Assumption, and the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin. On these days, therefore, shall they be received into the Sodality. They that are to be admitted, shall first place themselves before the altar of the Blessed Virgin, and kneeling there shall pray for a short time, earnestly beseeching this kindest of Mothers not to disdain to receive them into the number of her children. Then, he, to whose care, as we have said, they shall have been committed during the time of probation, shall read the form of reception aloud, pausing occasionally, so that they who are to be received may easily follow him, and pronounce the same form together with him.

This shall be the form of reception:

FORM OF RECEPTION.

II.—O Mary, Most Blessed Virgin and Mother of God, I [N.N.], though most unworthy to serve thee, moved, nevertheless, by thy admirable piety, and impelled by the desire of serving thee, do, this day, in presence of my guardian angel and of the whole court of heaven, choose thee for my Sovereign, my Advocate, and my Mother; and I firmly purpose henceforward ever to serve thee, and, as far as in me lies, to procure that thou mayest be faithfully served by all others. I pray thee, therefore, and beseech thee, O Most Merciful Mother, by the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed for me, deign to receive me into the number of thy clients and as thy servant for ever,

Assist me in all my actions, and obtain grace for me, that I may so conduct myself in word and deed, and thought, as never to be displeasing in thy sight, or in that of thy most Holy Son. Remember me, and desert me not at the hour of my death. Amen.

III.—After the reading of this form let all rise, and let them be led to the Director by the Master of Novices, who shall declare to them that they are received into the Sodality, in token of which he himself shall embrace them, and admit them in the name of the whole Sodality. The Father Director likewise shall receive them as his children, and, embracing them, shall briefly exhort them to obey the Laws and Constitutions of the Sodality, and to venerate and be devoted to the Blessed Virgin, to whose protection they have that day specially committed themselves. Let him also give them the book containing the Rules of the Sodality, which they are to keep, and from time to time to read at home, that they may the more easily observe them. Then they shall be led in the same manner to the Prefect, who shall as briefly as possible exhort them to the things already mentioned. After this, some short prayers shall be recited as a thanksgiving, according to the particular custom of each Sodality.

CHAPTER IV.

OF THE MANNER OF ELECTING THE PREFECT AND THE OTHER OFFICERS.

I.—The Prefect and other officers shall be elected once, or at most twice, a year on the principal feasts of the Blessed Virgin. The Director of the Sodality, the Prefect, Assistants, Consultors, and Secretary, shall meet, and after having recited the “Veni Creator,” with the usual prayers, and taken the votes, they shall select out of the whole Sodality three eminent among

the others for the example of their virtues and their reputation for goodness. Then, let these be proposed to the whole Sodality; he that shall obtain the greater number of votes shall be declared Prefect, the others shall be declared First and Second Assistants, according to the number of votes given for each. The Director of the Sodality and the Prefect shall take the votes. In a similar manner shall the Consultors and Secretary be chosen, but they shall not be proposed to the general meeting of the Sodality.

II.—The Treasurer, Sacristan, Porter, and other inferior officers that may be required, according to the custom of each Sodality, may be selected by the Director and Prefect, together with the Assistants and Secretary, regard being had to the regularity of their attendance and the edification they give.

At the commencement of each Prefect's term of office, all the officers, as well inferior as the superior, shall be changed, unless the Director and Prefect judge it better to do otherwise, which must not be without sufficient cause.

III.—All the officers of the Sodality, superior and inferior, having been elected in this manner, their names shall be publicly announced in the Sodality on some feast of the Blessed Virgin. For greater devotion and solemnity the Director of the Sodality may confer on each officer the peculiar insignia of his charge. The Secretary, therefore, shall read aloud the names of the officers, in the order in which they shall have been elected, and according to the rank and dignity of each. Let him whose name shall be read out, go to the Director, and, kneeling before him, receive from him the insignia of the office, and let the Director exhort him to discharge its duties with all becoming care and diligence, and very briefly let him explain the nature of the office to which he has been appointed.

The names of all the officers having been thus announced, either the Director of the Sodality or some one else, shall address all the members of the Sodality, and exhort them to regular attendance at the meetings, to observance of the rules, to devotion of the Blessed Virgin, and love of her, and, above all, to the imitation of her virtues.

IV.—If the Prefect should die, or if, for any other cause, it should happen, before half his term of office had elapsed, that he could no longer perform its duties, another, according to the decision of the Director, shall be appointed to take the place of the Prefect till a new election can be held. The same shall be done in appointing substitutes for the other officers.

CHAPTER V.

OF THE ORDER TO BE OBSERVED IN CONSULTATIONS.

For the preservation and increase of the Sodality, it seems necessary, not only that the members should frequently be assembled for spiritual exercises, but, also, that they should sometimes meet to treat of the proper administrations of the Sodality; wherefore, let the Director, Prefect, Assistants, Secretary, and twelve or six Consultors meet, whenever there shall be any necessity for it, at a convenient hour, that they may treat of any questions that may arise, and come to a decision on them. But, in the consultations, the Director shall generally be the person to propose the matters to be discussed; the others shall, in all things, pay great deference to his authority, and shall allow themselves to be guided by his judgment, though they, too, may, with modesty, propose what they may consider necessary.

Let them all guard themselves against inordinate

affections of the mind, and in giving their opinions let them look solely to the glory of God and of His Holy Mother, and to the spiritual advancement of the Sodality.

CHAPTER VI.

RULES OF THE PREFECT OF THE SODALITY.

I.—As the Prefect takes precedence in rank and office, and claims the first place after the Director, so should he excel the other members of the Sodality in virtue. Wherefore, he should observe, with the greatest diligence, not only the rules of his own office but also the common rules, those especially that relate to the frequentation of the sacraments, confessing his sins, and receiving the Blessed Eucharist more frequently than the others; and he should take care to advance the Sodality in the way of virtue and Christian perfection, more by example even than by words.

II.—He must always attend the meetings at the times appointed, and should some time beforehand carefully prepare all that is required for the usual spiritual exercises, as shall have been agreed on between him and the Director. But if for some good reason he cannot attend, let him as soon as possible give notice to the Director, then the First Assistant, or in his absence the Second, shall take the Prefect's place.

III.—Although the Prefect has charge of the Sodality, let him, nevertheless, know that he is subject to the Director, by whom he is always to be guided in whatever is to be done. Wherefore, he must not change or do away with anything whatever, neither shall he make any new arrangements without the knowledge and approval of the said Director, in order that in the Sodality the greater glory of our Lord and

of the Virgin Mother of God may be more carefully and peaceably procured.

IV.—He shall take care that the common rules shall be read in the Sodality, whenever the names of a new Prefect and new officers are announced, but, above all, let him take care that they be observed by all. Let him also seek to make the other officers under him, especially the Assistants, the Secretary, and the twelve or six Consultors, observe each the rules of his own charge.

Let him also have the names of those members that attend the meeting written during the meeting. Let him also see that a book be kept containing the names of the members, whether present or absent, written according to the method already prescribed in the 11th of the Common Rules; also another book in which shall be written the day and year that the various officers were appointed; and a third book in which it shall be written on what day and in what year each member was received into the Sodality, and also, when it can be known, the day of his death.

V.—When any member is sick, the Prefect shall take care to have him visited in the name of the Sodality, and, if the sickness be considered serious, that prayers be offered up to God for him by all. But, if there be danger of death, he will see that the sick person be strengthened by the reception of the Holy Sacraments of the Church; and, if he die, that the appointed prayers be offered up by the members of the Sodality for the relief of his soul.

VI.—He, as well as the Director, must subscribe the letters-patent. If it should become necessary to dismiss any person from the Sodality on account of grievous faults, he must do nothing without the knowledge of the Director, or without his counsel and approval.

CHAPTER VII.

RULES OF THE ASSISTANTS.

I.—The business of the Assistants shall be to advise and co-operate with the Prefect in the government of the Sodality. Wherefore, there should be no dissension between them and him, so that by their unanimity affairs shall be better administered.

II.—They should be present at all the meetings, public or private, and, in the absence of the Prefect, the First Assistant shall take his place, but if both be absent the Second Assistant shall act as Prefect. Let them often confer with the Director and Prefect on matters concerning the spiritual progress of the Sodality, which, by word and example, as far as by the assistance of divine grace they can do so, they should seek to promote.

CHAPTER VIII.

RULES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SODALITY.

I.—The Secretary shall be present at all consultations. He shall, in a book kept for the purpose, write an account of occurrences of importance, but shall first show to the Director and Prefect copies of what he is about to write in it.

II.—In the various books already mentioned, he shall write very carefully the matter proper to each. He shall make known to no one the arrangements that have been agreed on in the consultations, and he should know how to keep silence, as his very name reminds him.

III.—It shall be his business to write the letters, orders, and other usual documents, and also to sign them, and seal them with the ordinary seal of the Sodality; acting in all things on the decision of the Director and Prefect.

CHAPTER IX.

RULES OF THE TWELVE OR SIX CONSULTORS.

Let some members of the Sodality be chosen according to the rules for elections. There may be twelve when the Sodality has many members, but six only when the members are not numerous.

It shall be their business to assist the Prefect in the consultations, and in the administration of the Sodality, and on that account they should be selected from those more advanced in age, and of more tried virtue. In giving their opinions, let them always have in view the greater glory of God and of His Virgin Mother, and the spiritual progress of the Sodality; and let them never allow themselves, through want of impartiality, to deviate from what is just. As has already been frequently said, let them seek to excel the other members in conduct as they do in rank.

CHAPTER X.

RULES OF THE MASTER OF NOVICES.

It shall be the office of the Master of Novices, when he gets the order from the Director and Prefect, to instruct those who wish to enter the Sodality, explaining to them the rules, and teaching them also the spiritual customs of the Sodality. But he ought to be careful to cherish with the greatest charity, and assist with all possible diligence, as well these as all others that may be committed to his care. Let him often speak about them to the Director and Prefect, to whom he shall give his advice as to the best manner of directing them in the service of God. Let him have a tablet, with the form of receiving new members printed or neatly written on it. It shall be his duty to place before the altar those who wish to be admitted

into the Sodality, to read the form of admission, and to lead them to the Director and Prefect.

CHAPTER XI.

RULES OF THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall make no expenditure whatever without the order of the Director. Let him keep a chest, in which the money of the Sodality shall be deposited. The chest must be locked with two different keys, one of which the Director shall keep, the other to be in the hands of the Treasurer, unless it shall be otherwise decided ; for it does not seem that it should be allowed in those Sodalities that consist of young people. Let him also keep a book in which the account of receipts and expenditure shall be carefully entered, which he shall produce and show to the Father Director as often as he may desire. Let him take care not to ask in the name of the Sodality anything from anyone, either for the ordinary or extraordinary expenses of the Sodality ; but he must be satisfied with the money given by all the members, according to the custom, and the money that each, of his own liberality, gives when there is a meeting of the Sodality.

CHAPTER XII.

RULES OF THE PREFECT OF THE LIBRARY OF MARY.

The Library of Mary and all the books in it are confided to his care. Let him understand how important this charge is, and how much in the fulfilment of its duties he may serve the other members by his diligence, or injure them by his neglect. After the meeting he shall give out the books to the members.

Let him keep a carefully-written catalogue of all the books, and let him place it where it may be seen by all, or show it to those who may ask to see it, so that each one having read it may get from the Library any book he may select. But he shall give no book to any one without first seeing that he who gets the book shall write on a sheet of paper his own name and surname, the title of the book, and the day, month, and year the book was taken. The Librarian shall keep this paper till such time as the other shall return the book, and then the paper shall be given to him to tear.

He shall not allow anyone to take home two books at the same time, nor shall he allow anyone to keep any book during the autumn holidays, but when they have been announced, all must bring back to the Library any books they have taken out.

CHAPTER XIII.

RULES OF THOSE THAT VISIT THE SICK.

As it would often be impossible for the Prefect to visit in person all the members that might be sick, especially if it should happen that many fall sick at the same time, it is necessary that he should have some of the members to aid and assist him in so pious and holy a work. Their number shall be fixed by the Director, who will select those whom he knows to be, on account of their age and piety, better suited for this charge. Their business it shall be to visit frequently the sick members of the Sodality; to make themselves accurately acquainted with their state, and to give the Director and Prefect information of what they have learned; also to pray earnestly to God for the sick, and to see that they are assisted by the common prayers of the whole Sodality. If the sickness

becomes dangerous, let them give notice as soon as possible to the Director and Prefect, that they, as their office requires of them, may assist the sick person, and by all means in their power take care that a member of the Sodality dangerously sick do not die without being strengthened by the sacraments of the Church. It will be useful not only frequently to visit the sick when they are confined to bed, but also to bear them company when they begin to recover, and this they should do in such a manner as to console in the Lord the sick persons by their spiritual conversation, and at the same time to cheer them.

CHAPTER XIV.

RULES OF THE SACRISTAN.

There shall be two, three, or four Sacristans, according to the number of the members. They should be convinced that in this charge and office they serve God, and after him His Virgin Mother; wherefore, let them not think it beneath them to sweep out the place of meeting of the Sodality, or to undertake the like humble office at the meeting itself.

Let them be particularly careful that the vestments and everything that is used at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass be properly prepared, and as neat as possible. Let a list of all the furniture of the Sodality be written in a little book, which those going out of office shall hand over to their successors, showing them at the same time where each article is to be kept. All things belonging to their charge should be becoming and properly arranged, and they should have them locked up, and the keys should be kept by the Director.

They should not go out from the meeting without cause and express leave of the Director, but should, with the others, be present at all the spiritual exer-

cises of the Sodality. They should incur no expense whatever without the knowledge and advice of the Director. Let them not delight in rare and costly decorations, which the Director, in his prudence, shall either altogether forbid, or at least so moderate that they may be procured with the least possible expense.

CHAPTER XV.

RULES OF THE READER.

Let him come to the meeting as early as he can, for the meetings must be opened with the reading of some pious book. He shall read no book but that appointed by the Director. After the announcement of the names of the new officers, he shall read those rules that are common to all the members. Let him not read too fast, but in a loud, distinct and clear voice, pausing occasionally, so that what he reads may be more easily understood, and sink more deeply into the minds of those that hear. Wherefore it is necessary that he should know well, and have clearly before his mind, the great importance of spiritual reading, and its great power of producing either amendment of life, or in leading those that hear it to the practice of devotion. Beside the readers, let chanters be appointed to lead the choir when the members sing the *Matins* of the Blessed Virgin.

CHAPTER XVI.

RULES OF THE PORTER.

He too should come to the meeting as early as possible. Let him have either on a tablet or in a book the names and surnames of all the members, arranged in alphabetical order, so that the name of any member

may the more easily be found when necessary. But let these names be so arranged that, by the addition of some mark, to be selected by the Director, it may be indicated who were present, who absent from the meeting ; also who approached the Holy Communion, and who did not. Let this book be kept with the utmost care, wherefore it is not too easily to be given in charge to any member, but to one whose trustworthiness and virtue are well known to the Director. When this book shall be filled, let it be put by and preserved in the archives of the Sodality.

CHAPTER XVII.

RULES OF THE OTHER INFERIOR OFFICERS.

If Sodalities shall require other such officers, more or less numerous, it shall be lawful, according to the various duties they have to undertake, to prescribe to them rules that they shall have to observe. But let nothing be decided unless with the advice and according to the judgment of the Director. Care must also be taken that no regulation be made opposed to these rules ; but above all that nothing be done but what would tend to promote the piety of the members of the Sodality, and would be useful to them ; and all regulations of an opposite tendency should be entirely done away with, and considered void and of no effect.

FORMULA OF AGGREGATION.

By this we certify that our beloved brother in Christ [N.N.], was this——day of——, in the year——, received as a member of the Congregation of [N.N.], in [N.] ; so that he may obtain all the indulgences, favours, graces, and privileges enjoyed by the members already confirmed, and when he shall have departed

this life, that he may be entitled to be assisted by this Sodality with all the suffrages, usually offered up for departed members.

Given in the same Sodality of the Virgin Mother of God, on the day and in the year mentioned above.

Director,

Secretary,

Prefect.....

Solemn Reception.

The Veni Creator is entoned by the Celebrant and continued by the Choir.

Veni Creator Spiritus
Mentes tuorum visita,
Imple superna gratia,
Quæ tu creasti pectora.

Qui diceris Paraclitus,
Altissimi donum Dei,
Fons vivus, ignis, charitas,
Et spiritalis unctio.

Tu septiformis munere,
Digitus Paternæ dexteræ,
Tu rite promissum Patris,
Sermone ditans guttura.

Accende lumen sensibus,
Infunde amorem cordibus,
Infirma nostri corporis
Virtute firmans perpeti.

Hostem repellas longius,
Pacemque dones protinus ;
Ductore sic te prævio
Vitemus omne noxium.

Per te sciamus da Patrem,
Noscamus atque Filium,
Teque utriusque Spiritum
Credamus omni tempore.

Deo Patri sit gloria,
Et Filio, qui a mortuis
Surrexit, ac Paraclito,
In sæculorum sæcula.

Amen.

Come, O Creator, Spirit blessed !
And in our souls take up thy rest ;
Come, with thy grace and heavenly aid,
To fill the hearts which thou hast made.

Great Paraclete ! to thee we cry ;
O highest gift of God most high !
O fount of life ! O fire of love !
And sweet anointing from above !

Thou in thy seven-fold gifts art known ;
The finger of God's hand we own ;
The promise of the Father thou !
Who dost the tongue with pow'r endow.

Kindle our senses from above,
And make our hearts o'erflow with love !
With patience firm, and virtue high,
The weakness of our flesh supply.

Far from us drive the foe we dread,
And grant us thy true peace instead ;
So shall we not, with thee for guide,
Turn from the path of life aside.

Oh, may thy grace on us bestow,
The Father and the Son to know,
And thee through endless times confessed
Of both th'eternal Spirit blessed.

All glory while the ages run
 Be to the Father, and the Son
 Who rose from death ; the same to thee,
 O Holy Ghost, eternally.

Amen.

Celebrant. V. Emitte spiritum tuum et creabuntur. (*In Easter time. Alleluia.*)

R. Et renovabis faciem terræ. (*Easter time. Alleluia.*)

Oremus.

Deus qui corda fidelium sancti spiritus illustratione docuisti : da nobis in eodem spiritu recta sapere, et de eius semper consolatione gaudere, per Christum Dominum Nostrum. Amen.

INSTRUCTION.

The Blessing of the Medals.

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

R. Qui fecit coelum et terram,

V. Domine exaudi orationem meam,

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum,

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, qui sanctorum tuorum imagines (sive effigies) sculpti aut pingi non reprobas, ut quoties illas oculis corporis intuemur, toties eorum actus et sanctitatem ad imitandum memoriae oculis meditemur ; has quaesumus, imagines in honorem et memoriam beatissimæ Virginis Mariæ, Matris Domini nostri Jesu Christi et S . . . adaptatas benè dicere et sancti † ficare digneris, et præsta, ut quicumque coram illis beatissimam Virginem et S . . . suppliciter colere et honorare studuerit, illius meritis

et obentu a te gratiam in præsentī et æternam gloriam obtineat in futurum. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Let the Medals be sprinkled with Holy Water.

Then the Secretary calls forward the candidates in the following words :—

For the greater praise and glory of the most Holy Trinity, for the honour of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, conceived without sin, our Mother and our Patron, for the increase of our Sodality, let those persons who wish to be admitted Sodalists come forward.

When at the rails, the Prefect presents them to the Celebrant, saying :

Reverend Father, our brothers (*sisters*) here ardently desiring to see increase in themselves and in others the devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, earnestly entreat of you to admit them into our Sodality.

The Celebrant, then, either reads for the candidates the Act of Consecration, p. 219, in such a manner that they may repeat the words after him, or allows them to recite it themselves. When the Act of Consecration has been recited, he gives a medal, already blessed, to each candidate, saying :—

Accipe signum Congregationis B. M. V. ad corporis et animæ defensionem, ut divinæ bonitatis gratia, et ope Mariæ Matris tuæ æternam beatitudinem consequi merearis : in nomine Patris † et Filii et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

While the Celebrant is giving the medals, if time permits it, the choir chants the "Ave Maris Stella," or some other Hymn in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Then he adds, standing on the altar, and turned towards the new Sodalists :—

Ad majorem Dei gloriam, in laudem beatissimæ Virginis Mariæ, in spirituale hujus Congregationis bonum, et ex potestate a summo Pontifice [N.N.], mihi

delata ego [N.N.], pro tempore hujus Congregationis Praeses vos[N.N.], in numerum Sodalium nostrae Congregationis sub titulo[N.] erectae suscipio, et participes reddo et declaro omnium gratiarum et fructuum, privilegiorum et indulgentiarum, quae sancta Romana ecclesia ipsi primariae Congregationi Romanae, cui haec nostra canonice aggregata est, concessit: In nomine Patris † et Filii † et Spiritus † Sancti. Amen.

Suscipiat vos Christus in numerum confratrum nostrorum et suorum famulorum. Concedat vobis tempus bene vivendi, locum bene agendi, constantiam bene perseverandi, et ad aeternae vitae haereditatem feliciter perveniendi: et sicut nos hodie fraterna caritas spiritualiter jungit in terris, ita divina pietas, quae dilectionis est auctrix et amatrix, nos cum fidelibus conjungere dignetur in coelis. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

V. Confirma hoc Deus, quod operatus es in nobis.

R. A templo sancto tuo, quod est in Jerusalem.

V. Salvos fac servos tuos,

R. Deus meus sperantes in te.

V. Mitte eis Domine auxilium de Sancto,

R. Et de Sion tuere eos.

V. Domine exaudi orationem meam,

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum,

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. *Oremus.* Adesto, Domine, supplicationibus nostris, et hos famulos tuos, quos Congregationi B. M. V. aggregavimus, benedi † cere dignare, et praesta, ut statuta nostra, per auxilium gratiae tuae, sancte, pie et religiose vivendo valeant observare, et observando vitam promereri sempiternam. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Then follows Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament, and all ends with the Te Deum, p. 242, or

The Magnificat.

Magnificat : anima mea Dominum.

Et exultavit spiritus meus : in Deo salutari meo.

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ : ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est : et sanctum nomen ejus.

Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies : timen-
tibus eum.

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo : dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

Deposuit potentes de sede : et exaltavit humiles.

Esurientes implevit bonis : et divites dimisit inanes.

Suscepit Israel puerum suum ; recordatus misericordiæ suæ.

Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros : Abraham et semini ejus in sæcula.

Gloria Patri, &c.

The Magnificat.

1. My soul doth magnify the Lord.

2. And my spirit hath rejoiced : in God my Saviour.

3. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his hand-
maid : for behold from henceforth all generations shall
call me blessed.

4. For he that is mighty hath done great things
unto me : and holy is his name.

5. And his mercy is from generation to generation :
unto them that fear him.

6. He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath
scattered the proud in the imagination of their heart.

7. He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble.

8. He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

9. He hath upholden his servant Israel : being mindful of his mercy.

10. As he spake unto our fathers : to Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father.

Litany of the Blessed Virgin,

●Sub tuum præsidium confugimus, sancta Dei Genitrix, nostras deprecationes ne despicias in necessitatibus nostris ; sed a periculis cunctis libera nos semper, Virgo gloriosa et benedicta.

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Christe audi nos.

Christe exaudi nos.

Pater de cœlis Deus, *Miserere nobis.*

Fili Redemptor mundi Deus, *Miserere nobis.*

Spiritus Sancte Deus, *Miserere nobis.*

Sancta Trinitas, unus Deus, *Miserere nobis.*

Sancta Maria,	Mater amabilis,	} <i>Ora pro nobis.</i>
Sancta Dei Genitrix,	Mater admirabilis,	
Sancta Virgo virginum,	Mater Creatoris,	

Mater Christi,	Mater Salvatoris,	} <i>Ora pro nobis.</i>
Mater divinæ gratiæ,	Virgo prudentissima,	
Mater purissima,	Virgo veneranda,	

Mater castissima,	Virgo prædicanda,	} <i>Ora pro nobis.</i>
Mater inviolata,	Virgo potens,	
Mater intemerata,	Virgo clemens,	

Virgo fidelis,
Speculum justitiæ,
Sedes sapientiæ,

Refugium peccatorum,
Consolatrix afflictorum,
Auxilium Christian-
orum,

Causa nostræ lætitiæ,
Vas spirituale,
Vas honorabile,

Regina Angelorum.
Regina Patriarcharum,
Regina Prophetarum,

Vas insignè devotionis,
Rosa mystica,
Turris Davidica,

Regina Apostolorum,
Regina Martyrum,
Regina Confessorum,

Turris eburnea,
Domus aurea,
Fœderis arca,

Regina Virginum,
Regina Sanctorum om-
nium,

Janua cœli,
Stella matutina,
Salus infirmorum,

Regina sine labe origi-
nali concepta,

Ora pro nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Parce nobis, Domine.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Exaudi nos, Domine.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Miserere nobis, Christe audi nos.*

Christe exaudi nos,

Anthem. Sub tuum præsidium confugimus, sancta Dei Genitrix, nostras deprecationes ne despicias in necessitatibus nostris; sed a periculis cunctis libera nos semper, Virgo gloriosa et benedicta.

V. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Genitrix.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

Oremus.

Gratiam tuam, quæsumus, Domine, mentibus nostris infunde: ut qui, Angelo nuntiante, Christi Filii

tui Incarnationem cognovimus, per Passionem ejus
et Crucem ad Resurrectionis gloriam perducamur.
Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

V. Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum.

R. Amen.

Devotions at Benediction.

O Salutaris.

O salutaris Hostia,
Quæ cœli pandis ostium :
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria.
Amen.

O saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heav'n to man below !
Our foes press on from every side ;
Thine aid supply, thy strength
bestow.

To thy'great name be endless praise,
Immortal Godhead, one in three !
Oh, grant us endless length of days
In our true native land with thee.
Amen.

Ave Verum.

Ave verum Corpus natum
Ex Maria virgine,
Vere passum, immolatum,
In cruce pro homine.

Cujus latus perforatum
Vero fluxit sanguine.
Esto nobis prægustatum,
Mortis in examine.

O clemens, O pie,
O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariæ.

Hail to thee ! true Body, sprung
From the Virgin Mary's womb !
The same that on the cross was
hung,
And bore for man the bitter doom !
Thou, whose side was pierc'd, and
flow'd
Both with water and with blood ;
Suffer us to taste of thee,
In our life's last agony.

O kind, O loving One !
O sweet Jesu, Mary's Son !

Tantum Ergo.

Tantum ergo Sacramen-
tum
Veneremur cernui :
Et antiquum documentum

Down in adoration falling,
Lo ! the sacred Host we hail ;
Lo ! o'er ancient forms departing,
Newer rites of grace prevail.

Novo cedat ritui :
Præstet fides supplemen-
tum
Sensuum defectui.

Faith for all defects supplying
Where the feeble senses fail.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio :
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.

To the everlasting Father,
And the Son who reigns on high,
With the Holy Ghost proceeding
Forth from each eternally,
Be salvation, honour, blessing,
Might, and endless majesty !

V. Panem de cœlo præ-
stitisti eis. [Alleluia.]

V. 'Thou didst give them
bread from heaven. [Al-
leluia.]

R. Omne delectamen-
tum in se habentem. [Al-
leluia.]

R. Containing in itself
all sweetness. [Alleluia.]

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Deus, qui nobis sub Sa-
cramento mirabili, pas-
sionis tuæ memoriam re-
liquisti : tribue, quæsu-
mus, ita nos corporis et
sanguinis tui sacra myste-
ria venerari ; ut redempti-
onis tuæ fructum in nobis
jugiter sentiamus. Qui
vivis, &c. Amen.

O God, who, under a
wonderful Sacrament, hast
left us a memorial of thy
passion ; grant us, we be-
seech thee, so to venerate
the sacred mysteries of thy
body and blood, that we
may ever feel within us
the fruit of thy redemption.
Who livest, &c. Amen.

Laudate Dominum.

Laudate Dominum, om-
nes gentes : laudate eum,
omnes populi :

Praise the Lord, all ye
gentiles : praise him, all
ye people :

Quoniam confirmata est
supernos misericordia ejus :
et veritas Domini manet in
æternum.

For his mercy is con-
firmed upon us : and the
truth of the Lord endureth
for ever.

Gloria Patri.

Te Deum.

Te Deum laudamus : te Dominum confitemur.

Te æternum Patrem : omnis terra veneratur.

Tibi omnes angeli : tibi cœli et universæ potestates ;

Tibi cherubim et seraphim : incessabili voce proclamant ;

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus : Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt cœli et terra : majestatis gloriæ tuæ.

Te gloriosus : Apostolorum chorus.

Te Prophetarum : laudabilis numerus.

Te Martyrum ; candidatus laudat exercitus.

Te per orbem terrarum : sancta confitetur Ecclesia.

Patrem : immensæ majestatis.

Venerandum tuum verum : et unicum Filium.

Sanctum quoque : Paraclitum Spiritum.

Tu Rex gloriæ : Christe.

Tu Patris : sempiternus es Filius.

Tu ad liberandum suscepturus hominem : non horruisti Virginis uterum.

Tu devicto mortis aculeo : aperuisti credentibus regna cœlorum.

Tu ad dexteram Dei sedes ; in gloria Patris.

Judex crederis : esse venturus.

*Te ergo quæsumus, tuis famulis subveni : quos pretioso sanguine redemisti.

Æterna fac cum Sanctis tuis : in gloria numerari.

Salvum fac populum tuum, Domine : et benedic hæreditati tuæ.

Et rege eos : et extolle illos usque in æternum.

Per singulos dies : benedicimus te.

Et laudamus nomen tuum in sæculum : et in sæculum sæculi.

* Here it is usual to kneel.

Dignare, Domine, die isto : sine peccato nos custodire.

Miserere nostri, Domine : miserere nostri.

Fiat misericordia tua, Domine, super nos : quemadmodum speravimus in te.

In te, Domine, speravi : non confundar in æternum.

V. Benedictus es, Domine, Deus Patrum nostrorum.

R. Et laudabilis, et gloriosus in sæcula.

V. Benedicamus Patrem et Filium, cum Sancto Spiritu.

R. Laudemus et superexaltemus eum in sæcula.

V. Benedictus es, Domine Deus, in firmamento cœli.

R. Et laudabilis, et gloriosus, et superexaltatus in sæcula.

V. Benedic anima mea Dominum.

R. Et noli oblivisci retributiones ejus.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. Blessed art thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

R. And worthy to be praised and glorious for ever.

V. Let us bless the Father and the Son, with the Holy Ghost.

R. Let us praise and magnify him above all for ever.

V. Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven.

R. And worthy to be praised, glorious and exalted above all for ever.

V. Bless the Lord. O my soul.

R. And forget not all his benefits.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

*Oremus.**Let us pray.*

Deus, cujus misericordiæ non est numerus, et bonitatis infinitus est thesaurus: piissimæ majestati tuæ pro collatis donis gratias agimus, tuam semper clementiam exorantes: ut qui petentibus postulata concedis, eosdem non desrens, ad præmia futura disponas.

Deus, qui corda fidelium Sancti Spiritus illustratione docuisti: da nobis in eodem Spiritu recta sapere, et de ejus semper consolatione gaudere.

Deus, qui neminem in te sperantem nimium affligi permittis, sed pium precibus præstas auditum: pro postulationibus nostris, votisque susceptis gratias agimus, te piissime deprecantes, ut a cunctis semper muniamur adversis. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

O God, whose mercies are without number, and the treasure of whose goodness is infinite: we render thanks to thy most gracious majesty for the gifts thou hast bestowed upon us, evermore beseeching thy clemency, that as thou grantest the petitions of them that ask thee, thou wilt never forsake them, but wilt prepare them for the rewards to come.

O God, who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant to us in the same spirit to relish what is right, and ever to rejoice in his consolations.

O God, who sufferest none that hope in thee to be afflicted over much, but dost lend a gracious ear unto their prayers: we render thee thanks for that thou hast heard our supplications and vows; and we most humbly beseech thee, that we may evermore be protected from all adversities. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Miserere.

Miserere mei, Deus : secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.

Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum : dele iniquitatem meam.

Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea : et peccato meo munda me.

Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco : et peccatum meum contra me est semper.

Tibi soli peccavi, et malum coram te feci : ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis, et vincas cum iudicaris.

Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum : et in peccatis concepit me mater mea.

Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti : incerta et occulta sapientiæ tuæ manifestasti mihi.

Asperges me hyssopo, et mundabor : lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.

Auditui meo dabis gaudium et lætitiā : et exultabunt ossa humiliata.

Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis : et omnes iniquitates meas dele.

Cor mundum crea in me, Deus : et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis.

Ne projicias me a facie tua : et Spiritum Sanctum tuum ne auferas a me.

Redde mihi lætitiā salutaris tui : et spiritu principali confirma me.

Docebo iniquos vias tuas : et impii ad te convertentur.

Libera me de sanguinibus, Deus, Deus salutis meæ : et exultabit lingua mea justitiam tuam.

Domine, labia mea aperies : et os meum annuntiabit laudem tuam.

Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium, dedissem utique : holocaustis non delectaberis.

Sacrificium Deo spiritus contribulatus : cor contritum et humiliatum, Deus, non despicias.

Benigne fac, Domine, in bona voluntate tua Sion : ut ædificentur muri Jerusalem.

Tunc acceptabis sacrificium justitiæ, oblationes, et holocausta : tunc imponent super altare tuum vitulos.

Gloria, &c.

Psalm 50.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.

And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity.

Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me.

To thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before thee ; that thou mayst be justified in thy words, and mayest overcome when thou art judged.

For behold I was conceived in iniquities ; and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For behold thou hast loved truth : the uncertain and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast made manifest to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed : thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

To my hearing thou shalt give joy and gladness ; and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice.

Turn away thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create a clean heart in me, O God : and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

Cast me not away from thy face ; and take not thy holy spirit from me,

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust thy ways : and the wicked shall be converted to thee.

Deliver me from blood, O God, thou God of my salvation : and my tongue shall extol thy justice.

O Lord, thou wilt open my lips : and my mouth shall declare thy praise,

For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it ; with burnt-offerings thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit : a contrite and humble heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Deal favourable, O Lord, in thy good will with Sion ; that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations and whole burnt-offerings : then shall they lay calves upon thy altar.

Indulgences

Granted to all Sodalities affiliated to the Prima Primaria, in Rome, as given in the Golden Bull of Benedict XIV.

Plenary Indulgences to all Sodalists on the usual condition of reciting prayers in the church, or chapel, or oratory, from first vespers of the feast till sun-down for the intentions of the Church :—

On the day of reception ; once each week, on the day appointed for the meeting ; on the principal feast day ; as also on the second feast day, although these feasts should be transferred to another day and to another place ; on the day of a general confession or review, once or twice in the year ; on the Feasts of the Nativity and the Ascension of our Lord ; of the Assumption, the Immaculate Conception, and the

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin ; on the day of receiving Holy Communion in sickness, by saying three Our Fathers and three Hail Marys before a crucifix ; finally, at the hour of death,

PARTIAL INDULGENCES.

Seven years' Indulgence each time for the following works :—

For accompanying the dead to the grave ; for saying a Pater and Ave for the dying and dead at the sound of the bell ; for assisting at Mass on week days ; for examen of conscience at night ; for visiting the sick poor and prisoners, whether in hospitals or elsewhere ; for reconciling enemies.

Also, all our Sodalists may gain the indulgences granted to those who visit the Stations of Rome, by visiting the chapel of the Sodality, or, if absent, any church, and by reciting seven Paters and seven Aves. They are as follows ; on the first, second, and fourth Sundays in Advent, ten years and ten quarantines ; on the third, fifteen years and fifteen quarantines ; on the eve of Christmas, fifteen years and fifteen quarantines ; at midnight or morning Mass at Christmas, fifteen years and fifteen quarantines ; on the three days following Christmas, on the feasts of the Circumcision and Epiphany, and on the Sundays of Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima, thirty years and thirty quarantines ; fifteen years and fifteen quarantines on Ash Wednesday and the fourth Sunday in Lent ; ten years and ten quarantines on any day in Lent ; twenty-five years and twenty-five quarantines on Palm Sunday ; a Plenary Indulgence on Holy Thursday ; thirty years and thirty quarantines on Good Friday and Holy Saturday ; a Plenary Indulgence on Easter Sunday ; and thirty years and thirty quarantines on any day within the octave ; the same on St. Mark's day,

and the three Rogation days ; a plenary indulgence on Ascension Thursday ; ten years and ten quarantines on the eve of Pentecost, and thirty years and thirty quarantines on Pentecost Sunday, or on any day within the octave, and ten years and ten quarantines on the days of Quarter tense in September and December.

Hymns.

LAUDA, SION, SALVATOREM.

Lauda, Sion, Salvatorem,
Lauda ducem et pastorem,
In hymnis et canticis.
Quantum potes, tantum aude,
Quia major omni laude,
Nec laudare sufficis.

Laudis thema specialis,
Panis vivus et vitalis
Hodie proponitur.
Quem in sacræ mensa coenæ
Turbæ fratrum duodenæ
Datum non ambigitur.

Sit laus plena, sit sonora,
Sit jucunda, sit decora,
Mentis jubilatio.
Dies enim solemnus agitur,
In qua mensæ prima recolitur
Hujus institutio.

In hac mensa novi Regis,
Novum Pascha novæ legis,
Phase vetus terminat.
Vetustatem novitas,
Umbram fugat veritas,
Noctem lux eliminat.

Quod in coëna Christus gessit,
Faciendum hoc expressit

In sui memoriam.

Docti sacris institutis,
Panem, vinum in salutis
Consecramus hostiam.

Dogma datur Christianis,
Quod in carnem transit panis,
Et vinum in sanguinem.
Quod non capis, quod non vides,
Animosa firmat fides,
Præter rerum ordinem.

Sub diversis speciebus,
Signis tantem et non rebus,
Latent res eximiae.
Caro cibus, sanguis potus ;
Manet tamen Christus totus
Sub utraque specie.

A sumente non concisus,
Non confractus, non divisus,
Integer accipitur.
Sumit unus, sumunt mille :
Quantum iste, tantum ille :
Nec sumptus consumitur.

Sumunt boni, sumunt mali :
Sorte tamen inæquali,
Vitæ vel interitus.
Mors est malis, vita bonis :
Vide paris sumptionis
Quam sit dispar exitus.

Fracto demum Sacramento,
Ne vacilles sed memento,
Tantum esse sub fragmento,
Quantum toto tegitur.

Nulla rei fit scissura,
Signi tantum fit fractura,
Qua nec status, nec statura
Signati minuitur.

Ecce panis Angelorum,
Factus cibus viatorum :
Vere panis filiorum,
Non mittendus canibus.
In figuris præsignatur,
Cum Isaac immolatur :
Agnus Pachæ deputatur :
Datur manna patribus.

Bone pastor, panis vere,
Jesu nostri miserere :
Tu nos pasce, nos tuere :
Tu nos bona fac videre
In terra viventium.
Tu, qui cuncta scis et vales,
Qui nos pascis hic mortales :
Tuos ibi commensales,
Coheredes, et sodales,
Fac sanctorum civium.
Amen.

LAUDA, SION, SALVATOREM.

Laud, O Sion, thy Salvation ;
Loud the anthem of laudation
To thy King, thy Shepherd, raise.
What thou canst do, do it boldly,
For thy best will praise but coldly
Him who is above all praise.

Theme of themes beyond all telling,
Living Bread all bread excelling,
Bread which lives and maketh live—
Bread which at the sacred Table
Christ the Lord alone was able
To the chosen Twelve to give.

Be the hymnal praise sonorous,
Let our hearts, a gladsome chorus,
Throb in soft and sweet accord,
For this Festal day's elation
Is the grand commemoration
Of the Supper of our Lord.

See, upon the new King's table,
The new Pasch, no more unstable,
Terminates the ancient Rite ;
What was Old the New effaces,
Truth the shadowy Type replaces,
Day dispels the dark of Night.

At the Supper what Christ acted,
What His loving law enacted,
Here is done by power Divine ;
Here, in glad commemoration,
Is the solemn consecration
Of the Host from bread and wine.

Hear the Christian dogma stated—
Bread is transubstantiated
Into Flesh, the wine to Blood ;
What nor sight nor touch discerneth,
What no human learning learneth,
Simple faith hath understood.

Underneath the forms external—
Signs not things—sublime, supernal
Hidden secrets here we find—
Bread to Flesh; to Blood, wine's sweetness;
Christ, in absolute completeness,
Is contained in either kind.

Undiminished by partaking,
Undivided in the breaking,
In each portion Christ finds room—
Thousands eat of what one eateth,
This one's act the next repeateth,
Unconsuming, all consume.

At the banquet all seem equal,
Good and bad; but ah! the sequel—
Life or death is in the food:
See how different the dividing—
To the bad, 'tis death providing;
Life, salvation, to the good.

When the solemn words are spoken,
Doubt not, though the Host be broken,
That each fragment doth betoken
What the sacred whole supplied—
What is broken is partition
Of the outward sign's condition;
Diminution or addition
Cannot reach the Signified.

Lo! for pilgrims' deathward wending,
'Neath life's awful burden bending,
See the Angels' bread descending,
Children's food, to dogs not sent,
Known by many an adumbration,
Seen in Isaac's immolation,
By the Paschal celebration,
By the mystic Manna meant.

O true Bread ! O Shepherd tender !
 Be our food and our defender ;
 Jesu ! Jesu ! succour render,
 Till we see Thee in Thy splendour,
 In the Land of Life and Love ;
 Thou from whom all power proceedeth,
 Thou who knowest what each one needeth,
 Thou who here all mortals feedeth,
 Make us guests when heaven succeedeth,
 And co-heirs with saints above.
Amen.*

RHYME OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS.

Adoro te devote, latens Deitas,
 Quæ sub his figuris vere latitas ;
 Tibi se cor meum totum subjicit,
 Quia te contemplans totum deficit.

Visus, gustus, tactus, in te fallitur,
 Sed auditu solo tuto creditur.
 Credo quidquid dixit Dei Filius ;
 Nil hoc verbo veritas verius.

In cruce latebat sola Deitas,
 At hic latet simul et Humanitas :
 Ambo tamen credens atque confitens,
 Peto quod petivit latro pœnitens.

Plagas, sicut Thomas, non intueor,
 Deum tamen meum te confiteor.
 Fac me tibi semper magis credere,
 In te spem habere, te diligere.

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O memoriale mortis Domini !
 Panis vivus, vitam præstans homini !
 Præsta meæ menti de te vivere,
 Et te illi semper dulce sapere.

Pie Pelicane, Jesu Domine,
 Me immundum munda tuo sanguine,
 Cujus una stilla salvum facere
 Totum mundum quit ab omni scelere.

Jesu, quem velatum nunc aspicio,
 Oro, fiat illud, quod tam sitio,
 Ut, te revelata cernens facie,
 Visu sim beatus tuæ gloriæ. Amen.

The following chorus is sometimes added after each strophe :—

Ave Jesu, Pastor fidelium ;
 Adauge fidem omnium in te credentium.

RHYME OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS.

O Godhead hid, devoutly I adore thee,
 Who truly art within the forms before me ;
 To thee my heart I bow with bended knee,
 As failing quite in contemplating Thee.

Sight, touch, and taste in thee are each deceived ;
 The ear alone most safely is believed :
 I believe all the Son of God has spoken,
 Than truth's own word there is no truer token.

God only on the cross lay hid from view ;
 But here lies hid at once the manhood too :
 And I, in both professing my belief,
 Make the same prayer as the repentant thief.

Thy wounds, as Thomas saw, I do not see ;
Yet thee confess my Lord and God to be :
Make me believe thee ever more and more ;
In thee my hope, in thee my love to store.

O thou memorial of our Lord's own dying !
O living bread, to mortals life supplying !
Make thou my soul henceforth on thee to live ;
Ever a taste of heavenly sweetness give.

O loving Pelican ! O Jesu Lord !
Unclean I am, but cleanse me in thy blood !
Of which a single drop, for sinners spilt,
Can purge the entire world from all its guilt.

Jesu, whom for the present veil'd I see,
What I so thirst for, oh, vouchsafe to me :
That I may see thy countenance unfolding,
And may be blest thy glory in beholding.
Amen.

[The following is usually sung after every stanza.]

Jesu, eternal Shepherd ! hear our cry ;
Increase the faith of all whose souls on thee rely.

THE DOLOURS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

Stabat Mater dolorosa,
Juxta crucem lacrymosa,
Dum pendebat Filius.
Cujus animam gementem,
Contristatam, et dolentem,
Pertransivit gladius.

O quam tristis et afflicta
Fuit illa benedicta
Mater Unigeniti !
Quæ mœrebat, et dolebat,
Pia Mater dum videbat
Nati pœnas inclyti.

Quis est homo, qui non fleret,
Matrem Christi si videret
In tanto supplicio ?
Quis non posset contristari,
Christi Matrem contemplari
Dolentem cum Filio.

Pro peccatis suæ gentis,
Videt Jesum in tormentis,
Et flagellis subditum.
Vidit suum dulcem natum
Moriendo, desolatum,
Dum emisit spiritum.

Eia Mater, fons amoris,
Me sentire vim doloris
Fac, ut tecum lugeam
Fac ut ardeat cor meum
In amando Christum Deum,
Ut sibi complaceam.

Sancta Mater, istud agas,
Crucifixi fige plagas
Cordi meo valide.
Tui Nati vulnerati,
Tam dignati pro me pati,
Pœnas mecum divide.

Fac me tecum pie flere,
Crucifixo condolere,
Donec ego vixero.

9. He hath upholden his servant Israel : being mindful of his mercy.

10. As he spake unto our fathers : to Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father.

Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

●Sub tuum præsidium confugimus, sancta Dei Genitrix, nostras deprecationes ne despicias in necessitatibus nostris ; sed a periculis cunctis libera nos semper, Virgo gloriosa et benedicta.

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Christe audi nos.

Christe exaudi nos.

Pater de cœlis Deus, *Miserere nobis.*

Fili Redemptor mundi Deus, *Miserere nobis.*

Spiritus Sancte Deus, *Miserere nobis.*

Sancta Trinitas, unus Deus, *Miserere nobis.*

Sancta Maria, Mater amabilis,

Sancta Dei Genitrix, Mater admirabilis,

Sancta Virgo virginum, Mater Creatoris,

Mater Christi,

Mater divinæ gratiæ,

Mater purissima,

Mater Salvatoris,

Virgo prudentissima,

Virgo veneranda,

Mater castissima,

Mater inviolata,

Mater intemerata,

Virgo prædicanda,

Virgo potens,

Virgo clemens,

Ora pro nobis.

LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Virgo fidelis,
Speculum sapientie,
Sedes sapientie,

Regina
Regina
Regina

Causa nostra,
Vas spirituale,
Vas honorabile,

Regina
Regina
Regina

Vas insignis devotionis,
Rosa mystica,
Turris Davidica,

Regina
Regina
Regina

Turris eburnea,
Domus aurea,
Foederis arca,

Regina
Regina
Regina

Janua coeli,
Stella matutina,
Salus infirmorum,

Regina
Regina
Regina

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, Domine.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, Domine.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, Domine.

Christe audi nos.

Christe exaudi nos.

Antiph. Sub tuum precium confugimus
Dei Genitrix, nostras precibus
necessitatibus nostris, et
nos semper, Virgo gloriosa.

V. Ora pro nobis, Virgo gloriosa.

R. Ut digni efficiamur precibus tuis.

Gloria.

Gratiam tuam, quesumus, Domine, miseris
tris infunde: ut qui, largitor misericordie,

Juxta crucem tecum stare,
 Et me tibi sociare,
 In planctu desidero.

Virgo virginum præclara,
 Mihi jam non sis amara,
 Fac me tecum plangere.
 Fac ut portem Christi mortem,
 Passionis fac consortem,
 Et plagas recolare.

Fac me plagis vulnerari,
 Fac me cruce inebriari,
 Et cruore Filii.
 Flammis ne urar succensus
 Per te, Virgo, sim defensus
 In die judicii.

Christe, cum sit hinc exire
 Da per Matrem me venire
 Ad palmam victoriæ.
 Quando corpus morietur,
 Fac ut animæ donetur
 Paradisi gloria.

Amen.

THE DOLOURS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

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By the Cross, on which suspended,
 With his bleeding hands extended,
 Hung that Son she so adored,
 Stood the mournful Mother weeping,
 She whose heart, its silence keeping,
 Grief had cleft as with a sword.

Oh ! the Mother's sad affliction—
Mother of all benediction—

Of the sole-begotten One!
Oh, the grieving, sense-bereaving
Of her heaving breast perceiving
The dread sufferings of her Son!

What man is there so unfeeling
Who, his heart to pity steeling,
Could behold that sight unmoved?
Could Christ's Mother see there weeping,
See the pious Mother keeping
Vigil by the Son she loved.

For His people's sins atoning,
She saw Jesus writhing, groaning,
'Neath the scourge wherewith He bled;
Saw her loved one, her Consoler,
Dying in His dreadful dolor,
Till at length His spirit fled.

O thou Mother of election!
Fountain of all pure affection!
Make thy grief, thy pain, my own;
Make my heart to God returning,
In the love of Jesus burning,
Feel the fire that thine has known.

Blessed Mother of prediction,
Stamp the marks of crucifixion
Deeply on my stony heart,
Ever leading where thy bleeding
Son is pleading for my needing,
Let me in His wounds take part.

Make me truly, each day newly
While life lasts, O Mother, duly
Weep with Him, the crucified !

Let me, 'tis my sole demanding,
Near the Cross, where thou art standing,
Stand in sorrow at thy side.

Queen of Virgins, best and dearest,
Grant, oh ! grant the prayer thou hearest,
Let me ever mourn with thee ;
Let compassion me so fashion
That Christ's wounds, His death and passion,
Be each day renewed in me.

Oh ! those wounds do not deny me !
On that Cross, oh ! crucify me !
Let me drink His blood I pray ;
Then on fire, enkindled, daring,
I may stand without despairing
On the dreadful Judgment Day.

Make the Cross be my salvation,
Make Christ's death my preservation,
Make His grace my heart make wise,
And when death my body taketh,
Make my soul when it awaketh,
Ope in Heaven its raptured eyes.

COME, HOLY GHOST, SEND DOWN THOSE BEAMS.

Come, Holy Ghost, send down those beams
Which sweetly flow in silent streams
From Thy bright throne above ;
O come, thou Father of the poor ;
O come, thou source of all our store ;
Come, fill our hearts with love.

O Thou, of comforters the best ;
O Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
The pilgrim's sweet relief ;
Thou art the true rest in toil and sweat,
Refreshment in th' excess of heat,
And solace in our grief.

Thrice-blessed light, shoot home Thy darts,
And pierce the centres of those hearts
Whose faith aspires to Thee ;
Without Thy Godhead nothing can
Have any price or worth in man,
Nothing can harmless be.

Lord, wash our sinful stains away,
Refresh from heaven our barren clay,
Our wounds and bruises heal ;
To Thy sweet yoke our stiff necks bow,
Warm with Thy fire our hearts of snow,
Our wand'ring feet repeal.

Grant to Thy faithful, dearest Lord,
Whose only hope is Thy sure word,
The seven gifts of Thy spirit ;
Grant us in life Thy helping grace,
Grant us at death to see Thy face,
And endless joy inherit.

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS.*

I.

Jesu ! the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast ;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.

*This is commonly called St. Bernard's Hymn.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find,
A sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Saviour of mankind !
O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek.
To those who fall, how kind Thou art !
How good to those who seek !
But what to those who find ? ah ! this
Nor tongue nor pen can show :
The love-of Jesus, what it is,
None but His lov'd ones know.
Jesu ! our only joy be Thou,
As thou our prize wilt be ;
Jesu ! be Thou our glory now,
And through eternity.

II.

O Jesu ! King most wonderful !
Thou Conqueror renowned !
Thou sweetness most ineffable !
In whom all joys are found !
When once Thou visitest the heart,
Then truth begins to shine ;
Then earthly vanities depart ;
Then kindles love divine.
O Jesu ! Light of all below !
Thou Fount of life and fire !
Surpassing all the joys we know,
All that we can desire.
May every heart confess Thy name,
And ever Thee adore ;
And seeking Thee, itself inflame
To seek Thee more and more.

Thee may our tongues for ever bless ;
Thee may we love alone ;
And ever in our lives express
The image of thine own.

III.

O Jesu ! Thou the beauty art
Of angel worlds above ;
Thy Name is music to the heart,
Enchanting it with love.
Celestial sweetness unalloy'd !
Who eat Thee hunger still ;
Who drink of Thee still feel a void
Which naught but Thou can fill.
O my sweet Jesu ! hear the sighs
Which unto Thee I send ;
To Thee my inmost spirit cries,
My being's hope and end !
Stay with us, Lord, and with thy light
Illume the soul's abyss,
Scatter the darkness of our night
And fill the world with bliss.
O Jesu ! spotless Virgin flower !
Our life and joy ! to Thee
Be praise, beatitude, and power,
Through all eternity.

JESUS AND MARY.

Oft as Thee, my Infant Saviour,
In Thy Mother's arms I view,
Straight a thousand thrilling raptures
Overflow my heart anew.

As the sun, from darkness springing,
Breathes a charm o'er nature's face ;
So the Child, to Mary clinging,
Decks her with diviner grace.

As the limpid dew descending
Lies impearl'd upon the rose ;
So their mutual beauty blending
In transporting union glows.

As when early spring advances,
Flowers unnumber'd throng the mead ;
Such the countless loving glances
That in turn from each proceed.

Lovely Jesu ! gentle Brother !
How I wish a smile from Thee,
Meant for Thy immortal Mother,
Only might alight on me !

SOUL OF JESUS, MAKE ME HOLY.

Soul of Jesus, make me holy,
Make me contrite, meek, and lowly ;
Soul most stainless, Soul divine,
Cleanse this sordid soul of mine ;
Hallow this polluted soul,
Purify and make it whole ;
Soul of Jesus, hallow me ;
Miserere Domine !

Save me, Body of my Lord,
Save a sinner vile, abhorr'd ;
Sacred Body, wan and worn,
Bruised and mangled, crushed and torn ;
Piercèd hands and feet and side ;
Scourged, insulted, crucified ;
Save me, to the cross I flee ;
Miserere Domine.

Blood of Jesus, stream of life,
Sacred stream with blessing rife,
From Thy broken Body shed
On the Cross, that Altar dread—
Blood most precious, Fount divine—
Fill my heart and make it Thine.
Blood of Christ, my cleansing be ;
Miserere Domine !

Holy Water, stream that pour'd
From Thy wounded side, dear Lord ;
Wash Thou me, without, within,
Cleanse me from the stain of sin,
Till my soul is clean and white,
Bathed, and purified, and bright,
As a ransom'd soul should be ;
Miserere Domine !

Jesus, by the wondrous power
Of Thine awful Passion-hour,
By the unimagined woe
Mortal man may never know,
By the Cross upon Thee laid,
By the ransom Thou hast paid,
By Thy Passion, comfort me ;
Miserere Domine !

Jesus, by Thy bitter death,
By Thy last expiring breath,
Give me the eternal life
Won in that tremendous strife.
Thou didst suffer death that I
Might not die eternally :
By Thy dying quicken me ;
Miserere Domine !

Miserere ! let me be
 Never parted, Lord, from Thee ;
 Guard me from my ruthless foe ;
 Save me from eternal woe.
 In the dreadful Judgment-day
 Be Thy Cross my help and stay ;
 When the hour of death is near,
 And my spirit faints for fear,
 Call me with Thy voice of love,
 Place me near to Thee above,
 With Thine angel hosts to raise
 Never-ending hymns of praise,

MY JESUS ! SAY WHAT WRETCH HAS DAR'D.

My Jesus ! say what wretch has dar'd
 Thy sacred hands to bind,
 And who has dared to buffet so
 Thy face so meek and kind ?
 'Tis I have thus ungrateful been ;
 Yet, Jesus, pity take ;
 Oh, spare and pardon me, my Lord,
 For Thy sweet mercy's sake.

My Jesus ! who with spittle vile
 Profaned Thy sacred brow,
 And whose unpitying scourge has made
 Thy precious Blood to flow ?
 'Tis I, &c.

My Jesus ! whose the hands that wove
 That cruel thorny crown ?
 Who made that hard and heavy Cross
 Which weighs Thy shoulders down ?
 'Tis I, &c.

My Jesus ! who has mock'd Thy thirst
With vinegar and gall ?
Who held the nails that pierc'd Thy hands,
And made the hammer fall ?
 'Tis I, &c.

My Jesus ! say who dar'd to nail
Those tender feet of Thine ?
And whose the arm that rais'd the lance
To pierce that heart divine ?
 'Tis I, &c.

And, Mary ! who has murdered thus
Thy lov'd and only One ?
Canst thou forgive the blood-stained hand
That robb'd thee of thy Son ?
'Tis I have thus ungrateful been
To Jesus and to thee ;
Forgive me for thy Jesus' sake,
And pray to Him for me.

OMNIA PRO TE, COR JESU.

Life on earth is all a warfare—
Foes within and foes without.
“Jesus ! Jesus !” Lo, the tempter
Flees before that battle shout.
In the fierce unceasing combats
Let our tranquil war-cry be—
Omnia pro Te, Cor Jesu !—
“Heart of Jesus ! all for Thee.”

This shall nerve the arm that's weary,
This shall dry the tear that steals,
This shall soothe the wasting anguish
That the heart in secret feels.

Ever in my heart 'twill slumber,
 Often to my lips 'twill start :
 Omnia pro Te, Cor Jesu !—
 “All for Thee ! O Sacred Heart.”

Ah ! not thus, not thus 'twas always ;
 Sinful dreams, begone, depart ;
 Jesus shed His Heart's Blood for me—
 He alone can claim my heart.
 God's pure eye, that resteth on it,
 Written in that heart shall see :
 Omnia pro Te, Cor Jesu !—
 “Heart of Jesus ! all for Thee.”

All things, all things—hard and easy,
 High and low, bright and dark—
 Nought too poor for me to offer,
 Nought too small for Thee to mark.
 Health and sickness, rest and labour,
 Joy's keen thrill and grief's keen smart :
 Omnia pro Te, Cor Jesu !—
 “All for Thee ! O Sacred Heart.”

All, yes ! *all*. I would not pilfer
 From my holocaust a part :
 Every thought, word, deed and feeling,
 Every beating of my heart.
 Thine till death ! and thine for ever
 My heart's cry in *Heaven* shall be ;
 Omnia pro Te, Cor Jesu !—
 “Heart of Jesus ! all for Thee.”

TO THE SACRED HEART.

I need Thee, Heart of Jesus ;
 I need a friend like Thee—
 A friend to soothe and pity,
 A friend to care for me.

I need Thee, Heart of Jesus,
 To feel each anxious care,
 To tell my every want,
 And all my sorrows share.
 Sweet Jesus, keep me by Thee,
 Close by Thee all the day,
 And tho' I would, permit me not
 From Thy loved side to stray.
 Uphold me with Thy gentle hand,
 My tottering footsteps guide ;
 And tho' I fall ten thousand times,
 I'll fear not but confide.
 And Thou wilt teach me—wilt Thou not?—
 Each duty to fulfil,
 And it shall be my sole delight
 To do Thy gracious will.
 And one request alone I make,
 This recompense implore—
 By every thought, and word, and deed,
 To love Thee more and more.

O SACRED HEART.

HYMN FOR IRELAND.

O Sacred Heart !
 Our home lies deep in Thee,
 On earth Thou art an exile's rest,
 In heaven the glory of the blest,
 O Sacred Heart.

O Sacred Heart !
 Thou fount of contrite tears,
 Where'er those living waters flow,
 New life to sinners they bestow,
 O Sacred Heart.

O Sacred Heart !
Bless our dear Fatherland,
May Erin's sons to truth e'er stand,
With Faith's bright banner still in hand,
O Sacred Heart.

O Sacred Heart !
Watch o'er our Sister Isle,
Till Faith, ere long, return once more
And find a home on England's shore,
O Sacred Heart.

O Sacred Heart !
Our trust is all in Thee ;
For though earth's night be dark and drear,
Thou breathest rest, when Thou art near,
O Sacred Heart.

O Sacred Heart !
When shades of death shall fall,
Receive us 'neath Thy gentle care,
And save us from the tempter's snare,
O Sacred Heart.

O Sacred Heart !
Lead exiled children home,
Where we may ever rest near Thee,
In peace and joy eternally,
O Sacred Heart.

ALL FOR JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH.

Let those who seek the world to please,
Do all for honour, wealth and ease ;
But in the Holy Family,
A nobler motive far have we.

Living, we will say
Joyfully each day,
All for Jesus, Mary, Joseph !
Dying, we will cry
Till our latest sigh,
All for Jesus, Mary, Joseph !

O wicked world! we know thee well,
Thy works and maxims lead to hell ;
We were thy slaves, but now are free,
We serve the Holy Family.
Living, we will say, &c.

What matter, tho' we sometimes bear
A little suffering, toil and care ;
We serve a good and bounteous Lord,
And heav'n will soon be our reward.
Living, we will say, &c.

What tho' despised and poor we be,
We're like the Holy Family ;
If they could poverty endure,
We should be proud to be as poor.
Living, we will say, &c.

And when this wretched life is past,
And every moment seems the last,
Oh ! then the Holy Family
Our sweetest hope in death will be.
Living, we will say
Joyfully each day,
All for Jesus, Mary, Joseph !
And when death is nigh,
Still our hearts will cry,
All for Jesus, Mary, Joseph !

BRIGHTLY GLEAMS OUR BANNER.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN.

Brightly gleams our banner,
Pointing to the sky,
Waving wand'ers onwards,
To their home on high.
Hail, O holy banner,
Gladly thus we pray,
And with hearts united,
Take our heavenward way.

Brightly gleams our banner,
Pointing to the sky,
Waving wand'ers onwards,
To their home on high.

Hail ! sweet Jesus ! Master !
Round Thy sacred feet,
Now, with hearts rejoicing,
See Thy children meet.
Long, alas, we've left Thee,
Straying far away,
But once more we enter
On the "narrow way."
Brightly gleams, &c.

Mary ! Mother ! Ave !
Israel's lily, hail !
Comfort of thy children
In this sinful vale.
'Mid life's surging ocean
Whither shall we flee,
Save, O stainless Virgin
Mother, unto thee.
Brightly gleams, &c.

Ave ! Joseph ! Ave !
Chaste and spotless flower,
Cast thy mantle o'er us
At death's solemn hour.
Be our Father ever,
Joseph, meek and mild,
Husband of our Mother,
Keeper of her Child.
Brightly gleams, &c.

Jesus ! Mary ! Joseph !
Sweet and holy Three,
List the praise we pay you
On our bended knee.
May we sing your glory
In glad realms above,
Bound for ever to you
By the bonds of love.
Brightly gleams, &c.

THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH.

I'll never forsake thee, I never will be,
O Church of the Saints, an apostate from thee,
Though friends may entice me, and fortune may frown,
My Faith and my Church until death I will own.

They may boast of their wealth, they may talk of
their gold,
I'll be true to the Faith like the Martyrs of old,
"A Catholic live and a Catholic die,"
Be this my life's watchword, at death my last cry.

I may lose some advantage, and forfeit some gain,
I may meet with unkindness, and suffer some pain,
But Jesus and Mary will surely bestow
Richer gifts than from sin and apostasy flow.

They call me a Papist, and laugh at my creed—
'Tis the faith that will save in the hour of need ;
Let them talk, let them laugh, but when death is at
 hand,
The Priest is our only true friend in the land.

Then we'll cling to the Priest, and we'll cling to the
 Pope ;
We'll cling to Christ's Vicar, for Christ is our hope ;
We'll fight a good battle, and Mary the while
From her throne in the skies on her children will
 smile.

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS.

Faith of our fathers ! living still,
 In spite of dungeon, fire and sword ;
Oh ! how our hearts beat high with joy
 Whene'er we hear that glorious word.
 Faith of our fathers ! holy Faith !
 We will be true to thee till death.

Our fathers chain'd in prisons dark,
 Were still in heart and conscience free,
How sweet would be their children's fate,
 If they like them could die for thee !
 Faith of our fathers ! holy Faith !
 We will be true to thee till death !

Faith of our fathers ! Mary's prayers
 Shall win our country back to thee,
And through the truth that comes from God,
 Oh ! then indeed shall we be free:
 Faith of our fathers ! holy Faith !
 We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers ! we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers ! holy Faith !
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers ! guile and force
To do thee bitter wrong unite,
But all our saints shall pray for us,
And bring us back thy blessed light.
Faith of our fathers ! holy Faith !
We will be true to thee till death.

HAIL, QUEEN OF HEAVEN.

Hail, Queen of Heav'n, the Ocean Star,
Guide of the wand'rer here below !
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care,
Save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, Star of the Sea,
Pray for the wand'rer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste, and spotless Maid,
We sinners make our prayers through thee :
Remind thy Son that He has paid
The price of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, Star of the Sea,
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears,
To thee, blest Advocate, we cry,
Pity our sorrows, calm our fears,
And soothe with hope our misery.
Refuge in grief, Star of the Sea,
Pray for the mourner, pray for me.

And while to Him who reigns above,
In Godhead One, in Persons Three,
The Source of life, of grace, of love,
Homage we pay on bended knee ;
Do thou, bright Queen, Star of the Sea,
Pray for thy children, pray for me.

IMMACULATE ! IMMACULATE !

O Mother ! I could weep for mirth,
Joy fills my heart so fast ;
My soul to-day is heaven on earth,
O could the transport last !
I think of thee, and what thou art,
Thy majesty, thy state ;
And I keep singing in my heart,
Immaculate ! Immaculate !

The angels answer with their songs,
Bright choirs in gleaming rows,
And saints flock round thy feet in throngs,
And heaven with bliss o'erflows.
I think of thee, &c.

O, I would rather, Mother dear,
Thou shouldst be what thou art,
Than sit where thou dost, O, so near
Unto the Sacred Heart.
I think of thee, &c.

O I would forfeit all for thee,
Rather than thou shouldst miss
One jewel from thy majesty,
One glory from thy bliss.
I think of thee, &c.

Conceived, conceived Immaculate !
O what a joy for thee !
Conceived, conceived Immaculate !
O greater joy for me !
I think of thee, &c.

MOTHER OF HELP.

Mother of Help and of Beautiful Love,
O Holy Virgin, conceived without stain,
From thy bright throne, 'midst the angels above,
Hear, O hear our suppliant strain.

Mary, we love thee, do thou, Mother dear,
Teach us our sins—our sins to deplore ;
With thee our Help, we have nothing to fear,
O make us love—love thee still more. } *Chorus.*

Mother of Help, thy sweet power display,
Never, O Queen, in our souls cease to reign,
And all our passions still help to allay,
Hear, O hear our suppliant strain.
Mary, we love thee, &c.

Mother of Help, O dear Mary mild,
In love of Jesus our hearts ever train,
Each of us with Him embrace as thy child,
Hear, O hear our suppliant strain.
Mary, we love thee, &c.

Mother of Help, yet this last grace supply,
When, at death's hour, our bright crown we
would gain,
In Jesu's arms, O grant we may die !
Hear, O hear our suppliant strain,
Mary, we love thee, &c.

HAIL, MARY.

With all thy affections,
My soul praise thy Mother,
Sweet Mary, thy Mother,
And Jesus her Child.
Hail, Mary, my Mother,
My sweet Mother, Mary,
Hail, Mary, my Mother,
And Jesus, her Child.

Thou, purest of virgins,
No stain or impression
Of Adam's transgression
Thy soul hath defiled.
Hail, Mary, &c.

Tell Jesus that sinners,
Thy children, here bless thee,
While bright angels praise thee,
Their Queen, fair and mild.
Hail, Mary, &c.

Far off, I salute thee,
All virgins excelling ;
The Infant God's dwelling
Is thy womb undefiled.
Hail, Mary, &c.

O refuge of sinners !
O Star of life's ocean !
In deepest emotion,
I'll praise thee, most mild.
Hail, Mary, &c.

HYMN OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

Hail, thou Star of ocean !
Portal of the sky !
Ever Virgin Mother
Of the Lord most high !

Oh ! by Gabriel's Ave,
Utter'd long ago,
Eva's name reversing,
'Stablish peace below.

Break the captive's fetters ;
Light on blindness pour ;
All our ills expelling,
Every bliss implore.

Show thyself a Mother ;
Offer Him our sighs,
Who for us incarnate
Did not thee despise.

Virgin of all virgins !
To thy shelter take us :
Gentlest of the gentle!
Chaste and gentle make us.

Still as on we journey,
Help our weak endeavour ;
Till with thee and Jesus
We rejoice for ever.

Through the highest heaven,
To the Almighty Three,
Father, Son, and Spirit,
One same glory be. Amen.

DAILY, DAILY.

Daily, daily, sing to Mary,
Sing, my soul, her praises due,
All her feasts, her actions worship
With the heart's devotion true.
Lost in wond'ring contemplation,
Be her Majesty confessed,
Call her Mother, call her Virgin,
Happy Mother, Virgin blest !

She is mighty to deliver,
Call her, trust her lovingly ;
When the tempest rages round thee
She will calm the troubled sea.
Gifts of heaven she has given,
Noble Lady ! to our race ;
She, the Queen who decks her subjects,
With the light of God's own grace.

Sing, my tongue, the Virgin's trophies,
Who for us her Maker bore ;
For the curse of old inflicted
Peace and blessing to restore.
Sing, in songs of praise unending,
Sing, the world's majestic Queen,
Weary not, nor faint in telling
All the gifts she gives to men.

All my senses, heart, affections,
Strive to sound her glory forth ;
Spread abroad the sweet memorials
Of the Virgin's priceless worth.
Where the voice of music thrilling,
Where the tongue of eloquence,
That can utter hymns beseeeming
All her matchless excellence,

All our joys do flow from Mary,
 All then join her praise to sing ;
 Trembling, sing the Virgin Mother,
 Mother of our Lord and King.
 While we sing her awful glory,
 Far above our fancy's reach.
 Let our hearts be quick to offer
 Love *the heart alone* can teach.
 Amen.

THE MEMORARE.

In ages gone by, as all records declare,
 Not once hast thou slighted the suppliant's cry,
 Nor shall ages that follow thy mercies impair ;
 To them that invoke thee, sweet Mother, thou'rt nigh,
 Sweet Mother, thou'rt nigh.
 O be thou mindful, Mother most tender,
 Ne'er was thy aid implored in vain,
 Faint in the combat, lest we surrender,
 Do thou our faltering hearts sustain. *Bis.* } *Chorus.*

For this in the midst of my sin and my dread,
 At the thought of thy mercies with hope I'm inspired,
 O Virgin ! thy Son on the Cross for me bled,
 Thy Son on the Cross for my ransom expired.
 For my ransom expired.
 O be thou mindful, &c.

Though countless and grievous the sins I deplore,
 Despair, at thy name, from my bosom shall flee,
 In thy love I will hope for pardon once more,
 O Virgin and Mother ! I fly unto thee.
 I fly unto thee.
 O be thou mindful, &c.

To my prayers and my sighs, blessed Mother, give ear,
And be thou as ever, the penitent's friend,
'Neath the shield of thy favour, no danger I'll fear,
But with thee and thy Son hope to reign in the end.
To reign in the end.
O be thou mindful, &c. -

HAIL, HOLY JOSEPH, HAIL.

Hail ! holy Joseph, hail !
Sweet Spouse of Mary, hail !
Chaste as the lily flower
In Eden's peaceful vale.

Hail ! holy Joseph, hail !
Father of Christ esteemed !
Father be thou to those
Thy Foster Son redeemed.

Hail ! holy Joseph, hail !
Prince of the house of God !
May his best graces be
By thy sweet hands bestowed !

Hail ! holy Joseph, hail !
Comrade of angels, hail !
Cheer thou the hearts that faint,
And guide the steps that fail.

Hail ! holy Joseph, hail !
God's choice wert thou alone ;
To thee the word made flesh
Was subject as a Son.

Hail ! holy Joseph, hail !
Teach us our flesh to tame ;
And Mary, keep the hearts
That love Saint Joseph's name.

Mother of Jesus ! bless,
And bless, ye Saints on high,
All meek and simple souls
That to Saint Joseph cry.

DEAR ANGEL, EVER AT MY SIDE.

Dear Angel ! ever at my side,
How loving must thou be,
To leave thy home in heaven to guard
An erring child like me !

Thy beautiful and shining face
I see not, though so near ;
The sweetness of thy soft low voice
I am too deaf to hear.

I cannot feel thee touch my hand,
With pressure light and mild,
To check me as my mother did,
In kindness to her child.

But I have felt thee in my thoughts,
Fighting with sin for me ;
And when my heart loves God, I know
The sweetness is from thee.

And when, dear Spirit ! I kneel down
Morning and night to prayer,
Something there is within my heart
Which tells me thou art there.

Yes, when I pray, thou prayest too—
Thy prayer is all for me !
But when I sleep, thou sleepest not,
But watchest patiently.

But most of all I feel thee near,
When from the good Priest's feet,
I go absolved in fearless love,
Fresh toils and cares to meet.

And thou in life's last hour wilt bring
A fresh supply of grace,
And afterwards, wilt let me kiss
Thy beautiful bright face.

Ah me! how lovely they must be
Whom God has glorified;
Yet one of them, oh sweetest thought,
Is ever at my side.

Then for thy sake, dear Angel! now
More humble will I be:
But I am weak, and when I fall,
O weary not of me.

Oh, weary not, but love me still,
For Mary's sake, thy Queen:
She never tired of me, though I
So negligent have been.

Then love me, love me, Angel dear,
And I will love thee more,
And help me when my soul is cast
Upon the eternal shore.

ST. PATRICK.

Hail, glorious St. Patrick, dear Saint of our isle!
On us, thy poor children, bestow a sweet smile;
And now thou art high in thy mansions above,
On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.

Hail, glorious St. Patrick ! thy words were once
strong

Against Satan's wiles and a heretic throng;
Not less in thy might where in heaven thou art;
Oh, come to our aid, in our battle take part.

In the war against sin, in the fight for the faith,
Dear saint, may thy children resist to the death;
May their strength be in meekness, in penance and
prayer,

Their banner the cross, which they glory to bear.

Thy people, now exiles on many a shore,
Shall love and revere thee till time be no more,
And the fire thou hast kindled shall ever burn bright,
Its warmth undiminished, undying its light.

Ever bless and defend the sweet land of our birth,
Where the shamrock still blooms as when thou wert
on earth,

And our hearts shall yet burn wheresoever we roam,
For God and St. Patrick and our native home.

HYMN OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER.

My God, I love Thee, not because
I hope for heaven thereby;
Nor because they who love Thee not
Must burn eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me
Upon the Cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails and spear,
And manifold disgrace;

And griefs and torments numberless,
And sweat of agony;
E'en death itself—and all for one
Who was Thine enemy.

Then why, O Blessed Jesus Christ!
 Should I not love thee well?
 Not for the sake of winning Heaven,
 Or of escaping Hell;
 Not with the hope of gaining aught,
 Not seeking a reward;
 But, as Thyself hast loved me,
 O ever-loving Lord.
 E'en so I love Thee, and will love,
 And in Thy praise will sing:
 Solely because Thou art my God,
 And my eternal King.

Compline.

THE LECTOR BEGINS.

V. Jube, domne, benedicere.

V. Father, give us your blessing.

THE BLESSING.

Noctem quietam, et finem perfectum concedat nobis Dominus omnipotens.

May the Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night, and a perfect end.

R. Amen.

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SHORT LESSON. I *St. Pet.* v.

Fratres, sobrii estote, et vigilate: quia adversarius vester diabolus tamquam leo rugiens circuit, quærens quem devoret: cui resistite fortes in fide. Tu autem, Domine, miserere nobis.

Brethren, be sober, and watch, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, goeth about seeking whom he may devour; whom resist ye strong in faith. But do thou, O Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Deo gratias.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Adjutorium nostrum
in nomine Domini.

V. Our help is in the
name of the Lord.

R. Qui fecit cœlum et
terram.

R. Who hath made hea-
ven and earth.

Pater noster (*secreto*).

Our Father (*in secret*).

Psalm 4.

Cum invocarem, exau-
divit me Deus justitiæ
meæ: * in tribulatione dila-
tasti mihi.

When I called upon
him, the God of justice
heard me: when I was in
distress, thou didst enlarge
me.

Miserere mei: * et ex-
audi orationem meam.

Have mercy upon me:
and hear my prayer.

Filii hominum usquequo
gravi corde: * ut quid dili-
gitis vanitatem, et quæritis
mendacium?

O ye sons of men, how
long will ye be dull of
heart: why do ye love
vanity, and seek after
lying?

Et scitote quoniam miri-
ficavit Dominus sanctum
suum: * Dominus exaudiet
me cum clamavero ad
eum.

Know ye also that the
Lord hath exalted his holy
one: the Lord will hear
me, when I cry unto him.

Irascimini, et nolite pec-
care: * quæ dicitis in cor-
dibus vestris, in cubilibus
vestris compungimini.

Be ye angry, and sin
not: the things which ye
say in your hearts, be sorry
for upon your beds.

Sacrificate sacrificium
justitiæ, et sperate in Do-
mino: * multi dicunt quis
ostendit nobis bona?

Offer up the sacrifice of
justice, and hope in the
Lord: there are many that
say, Who sheweth us good
things?

Signatum est super nos
lumen vultus tui, Domine: *

The light of thy coun-
tenance, O Lord, is signed

dedisti lætitiā in corde meo. upon us : thou hast put gladness in my heart.

A fructu frumenti, vini, et olei sui : * multiplicati sunt. By the fruit of their corn and wine and oil : are they multiplied.

In pace in idipsum : * dormiam et requiescam. In peace in the self-same I will sleep and take my rest.

Quoniam tu, Domine, singulariter in spe : * constituisti me. For thou only, O Lord : hast established me in hope.

Gloria Patri. Glory be to the Father.

Psalm 30.

In te Domine, speravi, non confundar in æternum : * in justitia tua libera me. In thee, O Lord, have I hoped, let me never be confounded : deliver me in thy justice.

Inclina ad me aurem tuam : * accelera, ut eruas me. Incline thine ear unto me : make haste to deliver me.

Esto mihi in Deum protectorem, et in domum refugii : * ut salvum me facias. Be thou my God, my protector, and a house of refuge : that thou mayest save me.

Quoniam fortitudo mea, et refugium meum es tu : * et propter nomen tuum deduces me, et enutries me. For thou art my strength and my refuge : for thy name's sake, thou wilt lead me and nourish me.

Educes me de laqueo hoc, quem absconderunt mihi : * quoniam tu es protector meus. Thou wilt bring me out of the snare that they have laid for me : for thou art my protector.

In manus tuas commendo spiritum meum : * re- Into thy hands I commend my spirit : thou

demisti me Domine, Deus hast redeemed me, O
 veritatis. Lord, the God of truth.
 Gloria Patri. Glory be to the Father.

Psalm 90.

Qui habitat in adjutorio He that dwelleth in the
 Altissimi : * in protectione help of the Most High :
 Dei cœli commorabitur. shall abide under the pro-
 tection of the God of hea-
 ven.

Dicet Domino, Suscep- He shall say unto the
 tor meus es tu, et refugium Lord, thou art my uphol-
 meum : * Deus meus spe- der and my refuge : my
 rabo in eum. God, in him will I hope.

Quoniam ipse liberavit For he hath delivered
 me de laqueo venantium : me from the snare of the
 et a verbo aspero. hunters : and from the
 sharp word.

Scapulis suis obumbra- He shall overshadow
 bit tibi : et sub pennis ejus thee with his shoulders :
 sperabis. and under his wings shalt
 thou trust.

Scuto circumdabit te His truth shall compass
 veritas ejus : * non timebis thee with a shield : thou
 a timore nocturno. shalt not be afraid for the
 terror of the night.

A sagitta volante in die, For the arrow that flieth
 a negotio perambulante in the day, for the plague
 in tenebris : * ab incursu that walketh in the dark-
 et dæmonio meridiano. ness : for the assault of
 the evil one in the noon-
 day.

Cadent a latere tuo A thousand shall fall at
 mille, et decem millia a thy side, and ten thousand
 dextris tuis : * ad te autem at thy right hand : but it
 non appropinquabit. shall not come nigh thee.

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Verumtamen oculis tuis considerabis : * et retributionem peccatorum videbis.

Quoniam tu es, Domine, spes mea : * altissimum posuisti refugium tuum.

Non accedat ad te malum : * et flagellum non appropinquabit tabernaculo tuo.

Quoniam angelis suis mandavit de te : * ut custodiant te in omnibus viis tuis.

In manibus portabunt te : * ne forte offendas ad lapidem pedem tuum.

Super aspidem et basiliscum ambulabis : * et conculcabis leonem et draconem.

Quoniam in me speravit liberabo eum : * protegam eum, quoniam cognovit nomen meum.

Clamabit ad me, et ego exaudiam eum : * cum ipso sum in tribulatione ; eripiam eum, et glorificabo eum.

Longitudine dierum replebo eum : * et ostendam illi salutare meum.

Gloria Patri.

But with thine eyes shalt thou behold : and shalt see the reward of the wicked.

For thou, O Lord, art my hope : thou hast set thy refuge very high.

There shall no evil approach unto thee : nor shall the scourge come nigh unto thy dwelling.

For he hath given his angels charge over thee : to keep thee in all thy ways.

In their hands they shall bear thee up : lest haply thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt walk upon the asp and the basilisk : the lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

Because he hath hoped in me, I will deliver him : I will protect him because he hath known my name.

He shall cry unto me, and I will hear him : I am with him in trouble, I will deliver him, and glorify him.

With length of days will I fill him : and I will show unto him my salvation.

Glory be to the Father.

Psalm 133.

**Ecce nunc, benedicite
Dominum : * omnes servi
Domini.**

**Qui statis in domo Do-
mini : * in atriis domus
Dei nostri.**

**In noctibus extollite ma-
nus vestras in sancta : *
et benedicite Dominum.**

**Benedicat te Dominus
ex Sion : qui fecit cœlum
et terram.**

Gloria Patri.

***Ant.* Miserere mihi,
Domine, et exaudi ora-
tionem meam.**

**Behold now, bless ye
the Lord : all ye servants
of the Lord.**

**Who stand in the house
of the Lord : in the courts
of the house of our God.**

**Lift up your hands by
night to the holy places :
and bless the Lord.**

**May the Lord out of
Sion bless thee : who hath
made heaven and earth.**

Glory be to the Father.

***Ant.* Have mercy on
me, O Lord, and graciously
hear my prayer.**

TE LUCIS.

**Te lucis ante terminum,
Rerum Creator, poscimus;
Ut pro tua clementia,
Sis præsul et custodia.**

**Now with the fast-depart-
ing light,
Maker of all ! we ask
of thee,
Of thy great mercy, through
the night
Our guardian and de-
fence to be.**

**Procul recedant somnia,
Et noctium phantasmata
Hostemque nostrum com-
prime,
Ne polluantur corpora.**

**Far off let idle visions fly;
No phantom of the night
molest ;
Curb thou our raging
enemy,
That we in chaste repose
may rest.**

Præsta Pater piissime,
 Patrique compar Unice,
 Cum Spiritu Paraclito
 Regnans per omne sæcu-
 lum.

Father of mercies, hear our
 cry ;
 Hear us, O sole-begotten
 Son ;
 Who with the Holy Ghost
 most high,
 Reignest while endless
 ages run.

THE NUNC DIMITTAS, OR CANTICLE OF SIMEON.

Ant. Salva nos.

Nunc dimittis servum
 tuum Domine : * secun-
 dum verbum in tuum pace.

Quia viderunt oculi mei :
 * salutare tuum.

Quod parasti : * ante fa-
 ciem omnium populorum.

Lumen ad revelationem
 gentium : * et gloriam ple-
 bis tuæ Israel.

Gloria Patri.

Ant. Salva nos, Do-
 mine, vigilantes, custodi
 nos dormientes : * ut vigi-
 lemus cum Christo, et re-
 quiescamus in pace. (*Tem-
 pore Paschali, Alleluia.*)

Ant. Save us.

Now dost thou dismis
 thy servant, O Lord, in
 peace : according to thy
 word.

For mine eyes have
 seen : thy salvation.

Which thou hast pre-
 pared before the face of all
 thy people.

A light to enlighten the
 gentiles : and the glory of
 thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father.

Ant. Save us, O Lord,
 when we are awake, and
 keep us while we sleep :
 that we may watch with
 Christ and rest in peace.
 (*In Paschal time, Alleluia.*)

ALMA REDEMPTORIS.

Alma Redemptoris Mater,
 quæ pervia cœli,
 Porta manes, et Stella
 maris, succurre cadenti,

Mother of Christ ! hear
 thou thy people's cry,
 Star of the Deep, and Por-
 tal of the Sky,

Surgere qui curat populo :	Mother of Him who thee
tu quæ genuisti.	from nothing made,
Natura mirante, tuum sanc-	Sinking we strive, and call
tum Genitorem :	to thee for aid :
Virgo prius ac posterius,	Oh, by that joy which
Gabrielis ab ore,	Gabriel brought to thee,
Sumens illud Ave, pec-	Thou Virgin first and last,
catorum miserere.	let us thy mercy see.

**V. Angelus Domini
nuntiavit Mariæ.**

**V. The angel of the
Lord announced unto
Mary.**

**R. Et concepit de
Spiritu Sancto.**

**R. And she conceived
of the Holy Ghost.**

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Gratiam tuam, quæsumus, Domine, mentibus nostris infunde ; ut qui, angelo nuntiante, Christi Filii tui incarnationem cognovimus, per passionem ejus et crucem ad resurrectionis gloriam perducamur. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts ; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

AVE REGINA.

Ave, Regina cœlorum !	Hail, O Queen of Heav'n enthron'd !
Ave, domina angelorum !	Hail, by angels mistress own'd !
Salve, radix, salve, porta,	Root of Jesse, Gate of Morn,

Exqua mundo Lux est orta. Whence the world's true
Light was born.

Gaude, Virgo gloriosa, Glorious Virgin, joy to
thee,
Super omnes speciosa, Loveliest whom in heaven
they see,
Vale, O valde decora! Fairest thou where all are
fair,
Et pro nobis Christum Plead with Christ our sins
exora. to spare.

V. Dignare me laudare te, Virgo sacrata. V. Vouchsafe that I
may praise thee, O sacred
Virgin.

R. Da mihi virtutum contra hostes tuos. R. Give me strength
against thine enemies.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Concede, misericors Deus, fragilitati nostræ præsidium; ut qui sanctæ Dei Genitricis memoriam agimus, intercessionis ejus auxilio a nostris iniquitatibus resurgamus. Per eundem Christum, &c. Grant, O merciful God, support to our frailty; that we who commemorate the holy Mother of God, may, by the help of her intercession, arise from our iniquities. Through the same Christ our Lord, &c.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

REGINA CÆLI.

Regina Cœli, lætare! alleluia. Queen of Heaven rejoice;
alleluia,
Quia quem meruisti portare; alleluia. Because He whom thou
hast deserved to bear;
alleluia,

Resurrexit sicut dixit; alleluia.	Has risen as He said; alleluia,
Ora pro nobis Deum : alleluia.	Pray to God for us : alleluia.

V. Gaude et lætare, Virgo Maria : alleluia.	V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary : alleluia.
R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere : alleluia.	R. For the Lord hath risen indeed : alleluia.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Deus, qui per resurrectionem Filii tui Domini nostri Jesu Christi mundum lætificare dignatus es ; præsta, quæsumus, ut per ejus Genitricem Virginem Mariam perpetuæ capiamus gaudia vitæ. Per eundem Christum, &c.	O God, who didst vouchsafe to give joy to the world through the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ ; grant, we beseech thee, that, through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ, &c.
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R. Amen.

R. Amen.

SALVE REGINA.

Salve, Regina, Mater Misericordiæ,	Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy ;
Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.	Our life, our sweetness, and our hope,
Ad te clamamus, exules filii Hevæ ;	To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve ;
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrymarum valle.	To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.
Eia ergo, Advocata nostra,	

Illos tuos misericordes
oculos ad nos converte ;

Et Jesum, benedictum
fructum ventris tui,

Nobis post hoc exilium
ostende,

O clemens, O pia, O
dulcis Virgo Maria.

V. Ora pro nobis, sancta
Dei Genitrix.

R. Ut digni efficiamur
promissionibus Christi.

Oremus.

Omnipotens sempiterne
Deus, qui gloriosæ Vir-
ginis Matris Mariæ corpus
et animam, ut dignum
Filii tui habitaculum effi-
meretur, Spiritu Sancto
co-operante, præparasti ;
da, ut cujus commemora-
tione lætatur, ejus pia
intercessione ab instanti-
bus malis et a morte per-
petua liberemur. Per
eundem Christum, &c.

R. Amen.

V. Divinium auxilium
maneant semper vobiscum.

R. Amen.

Turn then, most gracious
advocate, thy merciful eyes
towards us ;

And after this our exile
show unto us

The blessed fruit of thy
womb, Jesus,

O clement, O pious, O
sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy
Mother of God.

R. That we may be
made worthy of the pro-
mises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O almighty, everlasting
God, who, by the co-opera-
tion of the Holy Ghost,
didst prepare the body
and soul of Mary, glorious
Virgin and Mother, to
become the worthy ha-
bitation of thy Son ;
grant that we may be de-
livered from instant evils
and from everlasting death
by her pious intercession,
in whose commemoration
we rejoice. Through the
same Christ, &c.

R. Amen.

V. May the divine as-
sistance remain always
with us.

R. Amen.

MANNER OF

Serving at Mass.

The Clerk, kneeling at the left hand of the Priest, must answer him as follows:



P. In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritûs Sancti.
Amen.

P. Introibo ad altare Dei.

C. Ad Deum, qui lætificat juventutem meam.

P. Judica me, Deus, et discerne causam meam de gente non sanctâ : ab homine iniquo, et doloso erue me.

C. Quia tu es, Deus, fortitudo mea, quare me repulisti, et quare tristis incedo dum affligit me inimicus?

P. Emitte lucem tuam et veritatem tuam : ipsa me deduxerunt et adduxerunt in montem sanctum tuum, et in tabernacula tua.

C. Et introibo ad altare Dei : ad Deum qui lætificat juventutem meam.

P. Confiteor tibi in citharâ, Deus, Deus meus : quare tristis es, anima mea, et quare conturbas me?

C. Spera in Deo, quoniam adhuc confitebor illi, salutare vultûs mei, et Deus meus.

P. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

C. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

P. Introibo ad altare Dei.

C. Ad Deum qui lætificat juventutem meam.

P. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

C. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.

P. Confiteor Deo, &c.

Bow your head when the priest begins the Confiteor, and continue bent till you also have finished it.

C. Misereatur tui omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis tuis, perducatur te ad vitam æternam.

P. Amen.

C. Confiteor Deo omnipotenti, beatæ Mariæ semper Virgini, beato Michaeli Archangelo, beato Joanni Baptistæ, sanctis Apostolis Petro et Paulo, omnibus sanctis, et tibi, Pater [*here turn you head towards the priest, and then go on*], quia peccavi nimis cogitatione, verbo et opere [*striking your breast thrice, say*], meâ culpâ, meâ culpâ, meâ maximâ culpâ. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem, beatum Michaellem Archangelum, beatum Joannem Baptistam, sanctos Apostolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes sanctos, et te, Pater [*here again turn towards the priest*], orare pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum.

P. Misereatur vestri, &c.

C. Amen.

P. Indulgentiam, absolutionem, &c.

C. Amen.

Bow down your head until you come to*

P. Deus tu conversus vivificabis nos.

C. Et plebs tua lætabitur in te.

P. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.

C. Et salutare tuum da nobis.

P. Domine, exaudi orationem meum.

C. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

*P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Here you may rise, to kneel on the lower step of the altar.

P. Kyrie eleison.

C. Kyrie eleison.

P. Kyrie eleison.

C. Christe eleison.

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P. Kyrie eleison.

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C. Kyrie eleison.

- P. Dominus vobiscum ; *or*, Flectamus genua.
 C. Et cum spiritu tuo ; *or*, Levate.
 P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.
 C. Amen.

At the end of the Epistle say, "*Deo Gratias.*" After the Gradual and Alleluia or Tract, remove the book to the Gospel side of the altar, and there placing it turned a little towards the middle, return to the opposite or Epistle side, kneel, and make a low reverence as you pass the middle of the altar ; then stand up whilst the Gospel is read.

- P. Dominus vobiscum.
 C. Et cum spiritu tuo.
 P. Sequentia sancti Evangelii, &c.

Here make the sign of the cross—first, upon your forehead ; secondly, upon your mouth ; thirdly, upon your breast, and answer, "*Gloria tibi Domine.*" At the end of the Gospel, say :

- C. Laus tibi Christe.
 P. Dominus vobiscum.
 C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Here give the wine and water, and prepare the basin and towel for the priest. When he has washed his hands, return and kneel in your former place.

- P. Orate fratres.
 C. Suscipiat Dominus sacrificium de manibus tuis ad laudem et gloriam nominis sui, ad utilitatem quoque nostram, totiusque Ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ.
 P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.
 C. Amen.
 P. Dominus vobiscum.
 C. Et cum spiritu tuo.
 P. Sursum corda.
 C. Habemus ad Dominum.
 P. Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro.
 C. Dignum et justum est.

Ring the bell each time the priest pronounces the word "*Sanctus*;" and when you see him spread his hands over the chalice, ring it again, and then proceed to the centre of the altar, where, kneeling whilst the priest elevates the Host and Chalice, ring the bell with your right hand, and hold up the vestment with your left; and as often as you pass by the Blessed Sacrament, adore on your knees.

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

C. Amen.

P. Et ne nos inducas intentationem.

C. Sed libera nos a malo.

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorem.

C. Amen.

P. Pax Domini sit semper vobiscum. .

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Ring the bell at each time the priest pronounces the words "*Domine, non sum Dignus*;" and when he has received the Chalice, if there be any communicants, give them the cloth; and, returning to your place, say the Confiteor, &c. After Communion serve the priest with wine and water, for the Ablution. Remove the book to the Epistle side of the altar, and return again to your former place.

P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

C. Amen.

P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

P. Ite missa est, *or*, Benedicamus Domino.

C. Deo gratias.

Note—In Masses for the Dead, the priest says "Requiescant in pace." C. Amen.

Remove the Book, if left open: then kneel in the centre, before the altar, and receive the priest's blessing.

P. Pater, et Filius, et Spiritus Sanctus.

C. Amen.

[Then rise.]

P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

P. Initium ; *or*, Sequentia sancti Evangelii secundum, &c.

C. Gloria tibi, Domine.

At the end of the Gospel, say :

C. Deo gratias.

DE PROFUNDIS.

PSALM CXXIX.

P. De profundis clamavi ad te, Domine : Domine, exaudi vocem meam.

C. Fiant aures tuæ intendentes in vocem deprecationis meæ.

P. Si iniquitates observaveris, Domine : Domine, quis sustinebit ?

C. Quia apud te, propitiatio est : et propter legem tuam sustinui te, Domine.

P. Sustinuit anima mea in verbo ejus : speravit anima mea in Domino.

C. A custodiâ matutinâ usque ad noctem speret Israel in Domino.

P. Quia apud Dominum misericordia : et copiosa apud eum redemptio.

C. Et ipse redimet Israel ex omnibus iniquitatibus ejus.

P. Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine.

C. Ex lux perpetua luceat eis.

P. A porta inferi.

C. Erue, Domine, animas eorum.

P. Requiescant in pace. C. Amen.

P. Domini, exaudi orationem meam.

- C. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.
- P. Dominus vobiscum.
- C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

At the end of the Prayer, say :

- C. Amen.
- P. Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine.
- C. Et lux perpetua luceat in eis.
- P. Requiescant in pace. C. Amen.

THE END.

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